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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

NOW that the "seasonable" festivities of Christmastide are over, and a New Year opens up fresh hopes and expectations and renewed activities to the work-a-day world, we may be allowed to pass on to our readers the compliments we have heard echoed at every street corner and in many a home within the last few days of "A Happy New Year." We are accustomed now-a-days—at any rate since we have become familiar with the stern realities of life—to hear men of almost every grade give a "parting kick" at the Old Year, as he goes out with the dirge of muffled peals, carrying with him all the joys and sorrows, the hopes and disappointments, which have marked his "tenure of office." He is not like our invariable Worshipful Master, who retires from the scene of his year of labour "with all his blushing honours thick upon him," and receives a jewel "in recognition of services well and faithfully fulfilled." True, the departure of the Old Year is heralded by the sounds of mirth and the festive clinking of glasses all round, and in every grade of society: yet everybody seems to heave a sigh of relief when the old fellow has fairly gone from us amidst the "wild bells" that are rung out "to the wild sky," and has given place to the New Year, with all its maiden and hopeful anticipations. The past year, if we may judge from the expressions we hear so universally around us, has been anything but the "prosperous" one we all of us wished for each other when we stood upon its brink, just twelve months ago. In almost every department of trade, commerce and industry there have been complainings of depression and stagnation without precedent for many years; and that there has been a vast amount of suffering and hardship, not merely amongst the chronic poor, but in the ranks of those who are conventionally designated the "well-to-do"—the tradesman, and the industrious professional classes—there can be very little question. We are perfectly aware that in every season of the year—and "out of season," too, for that matter—there are always grumblers and people to whom the cry of "hard times" is perpetual. But Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-five, which has been gone from us only a few brief hours, has undoubtedly been one in which more than ordinary justification has been furnished for "complaining in our streets." Every department of trade and finance has been subject to an abnormal strain, and though probably failures in business have been equalled, if not surpassed, in some preceding years, yet the effect of the depression has been more universal and homefelt in the past year than many of the oldest of us recollect for many a long day. It may be that political complications, both at home and abroad, have had much to do with this unpleasant state of things, of a mixing up of national interests which have proved so general a source of perplexity with regard to foreign countries, and a change of Government in our own: though, as Masons, we trouble ourselves comparatively little with politics, pure and simple. With respect to our Fraternity, there has been little to record except that it has pursued the even tenour of its way, adding to its strength and gradually gathering to its numbers; and, although probably the vicissitudes of life have thrown more than usual upon our charitable and benevolent resources, nevertheless, like the widow's cruise and barrel, the compensating results have not altogether failed, albeit the demand may have far outstripped the charitable desires and intentions of the Craft. Many new Lodges have sprung into vigorous existence, testifying to the ever-increasing vitality of our Order, and our older ones have by no means relaxed their efforts, or diminished in their power of rendering them more extensively useful to our fellow creatures. Let us hope that this spirit will continue to become more consolidated in the year on the threshold of which we now stand, and that the era which has just been ushered in may witness the increasing solidity, usefulness, and stability of those principles which we so deeply love and practise. May the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth continue to exert themselves over the whole of the human race, and particularly over those who are ranged under the banner of Freemasonry. We feel assured that they will do so, and that even should discords and difficulties arise in other mundane institutions, harmony and progress will be the predominant characteristics of "ye mystic tie." It may be that to many of us the "Compliments of the Season" are but remote probabilities of the aspiration being fulfilled—to whom in a retrospect of the dead year there is little to gladden the heart; and though there may be faint glimpses of dawning light, a small rift in the overhanging clouds, yet these are hardly sufficient to make "the bosom's lord sit lightly on his throne." But if they cannot rejoice with a light heart, still they may have the consciousness that they have borne up manfully against an almost overwhelming tide of evil; they have striven bravely in the face of difficulties, and never given way to despair, even in the most hopeless circumstances. To them at least there is the consciousness that they have done their best, and have only been conquered by the irresistible force of events. Happily the hand of Charity is never closed in this blessed England of ours, and more particularly amongst Masons, and so let us hope that the tide may now have turned at last with the departure of the Old year and the advent of the New. We cannot leave the subject without expressing an earnest hope that the year now commenced will bring forth more prosperity for all classes than that which has just drawn its last breath, and that when another twelve months have passed away we shall be able to wish our readers a "Merry Christmas" with some likelihood of its becoming a reality.

For ourselves it is only becoming that we should recognise the many acts of kindly interest and support displayed towards us in the past year, and to assure our many readers that no effort shall be wanting on our part at least to deserve a share in the greater prosperity which we wish for all. In the past year it has been our duty and privilege to acknowledge many additions to the roll of our patrons and friends, and it is our aim ever to do so, whilst still retaining the confidence and respect of old acquaintances. We are conscious of many shortcomings in our endeavours to make the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE a faithful reflex and repertoire of all the most important events in connection with the Craft, but to these our friends have been "a little blind," whilst to what virtues we may have displayed they have been "ever kind." In the spirit of amenity which pervades all classes at this season, we reciprocate the many kindly wishes we have received for the future prosperity of our journal, and with genuine sincerity wish to each and all our readers—

A Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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OUR TWENTY-THIRD VOLUME.

AT the commencement of a new year the journalist claims for himself the indulgence and privilege of saying a few words of a personal character which may be considered out of place at other seasons; and, having wished our readers all the "happiness and prosperity" they can desire for themselves, we feel at liberty to make one or two observations respecting the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, with the current issue of which is commenced our Twenty-Third Volume. It is a trite saying amongst many of the brethren that, as a rule, Masons are not particularly assiduous in their study of the literature of the Craft, but this, in our opinion, is a verdict which must be taken *cum grano salis*. Our experience, extending over the many years during which the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has ranked amongst the leading and recognised organs of Freemasonry is, that a growing spirit of inquiry and desire for interchange of thought and information on matters of interest to Masons generally—not only in this country but on the Continent and our Colonies—pervades a very large section of the Fraternity. "Constant readers" of the pages of this journal will not have failed to observe that such is the case, and we regard it as a very healthy sign of the times. In former days the publication of any of the doings of Masonic Lodges was considered not only highly improper, but, to some minds, almost amounting to a violation of the Book of Constitutions. Now, however, a much broader and more cosmopolitan view is taken of the case; and Masons are fully alive to the fact that, so far from there being anything derogatory or injurious to the welfare of the Craft, by recording the most important events in connection with it, or the exchange of ideas and criticisms on salient points, quite the reverse is the fact. Of course, in the hands of indiscreet or injudicious writers much harm may result, and not a few instances of this might be found in the amateur reports that one comes across from time to time in the columns of non-Masonic newspapers. The case is quite different when it rests in the hands of those who have made the Craft a study during the greater portion of their lives. That useful adjunct to the editorial *sanctum sanctorum*, the waste paper basket, could "a tale unfold" were the whole of the debris that is cast into it allowed to see the light of day. But in Masonic, as in all other branches of journalism, the eye of experience and the hand of constant discrimination have to be brought into play, so that the safeguards of the Craft may not be unduly exposed to the attacks of the insidious and the profane. This is a point we have always striven to observe ourselves, and to inculcate in the minds of our numerous correspondents; and to the credit of the latter it must be said that they appear anxious to inflict as little unnecessary work on the revisers of their "copy" as possible. We observe a growing tendency on the part of those who favour us with their communications to avoid personal quibbles and that friction of opinion which formerly disfigured the pages of Masonic journals, and, whilst calmly and dispassionately discussing questions in which all Masons are in common interested, they abstain from the errors committed by many contributors to the Press in former days. Thus a happier spirit is cultivated amongst the writers themselves, whilst the reading section of the brethren have much less to complain about than hitherto of heartburnings caused by the "undue publicity" of Masonic matters.

At this period of the year, when there is by tacit consent a comparative cessation of activity in Masonic circles, forming a break in the routine of work whilst the festivities of the season are in full swing, there is little to record in the way of Lodge reports; whilst the course of Masonry runs on so smoothly and harmoniously that the difficulty we experience is to find anything worth criticising. There is always plenty of scope, however, for intercommunication of ideas and opinions respecting the general aspect and the increasingly useful operations of Freemasonry, in all parts of the world, for the subject is simply inexhaustible in its interest to those who have the cause most thoroughly at heart. In these columns we are studious to record the spread of those principles of charity and benevolence which are the boast of our Institution, and whenever they are presented to our notice; and in doing so there is no greater satisfaction to the mind of the Masonic journalist than to convey the intelligence of such noble efforts to the ear of every member of the Order. Whilst overlooking many minor details, and eliminating from reports sent to us such extraneous matter as may be superfluous or undesirable, it has been our aim to give a reflex of the work of the Craft over as wide an area as the space at our command permits, and thus to keep the brethren in all parts within the scope of our circulation *au courant* with the most important events in Masonry as they transpire. A diary of Lodge meetings may be unattractive reading, taken as a whole, but every line in it has an interest *somewhere*, and this is a necessary and useful adjunct to a Masonic paper. We venture to hope that by a perusal of the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE a very wide circle of Masonic readers have derived a certain amount of satisfaction and instruction; and we can only promise that in the future we shall endeavour to pursue the same consistent course as that which during the past eleven years has characterised the management of this journal. That course, we are gratified to say, has won for us a large, and still increasing, number of friends, to whom we can only promise a punctual and regular supply of the best budget of news possible under varying circumstances, together with kindly, yet impartial, criticism of events that are passing around us. To those who have assisted and encouraged us in the past in the uphill work which necessarily attends the establishment of a class journal we return our heartfelt thanks; and, looking hopefully on the new year just opened, we may confidently anticipate a substantial addition to the number of our subscribers, advertisers, and friends. In dedicating to them our TWENTY-THIRD VOLUME we assure them of our determination to preserve the character of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for the completeness of its record of Masonic intelligence, and with undiminished energy to promote the best interests of the Craft to which we one and all are so deeply and sincerely attached.

UNDUE PUBLICITY.

UNDER this heading we last week published an extract from our American contemporary the *Freemasons' Repository*, in which somewhat pointed allusion is made to "foreign Masonic periodicals that make a practice of publishing the names of applicants for the degrees;" who print in full "the names of candidates initiated or advanced . . . . also the names of officers, regular or otherwise, performing the work; while the manner in which the ceremonies are rendered is likewise described." These, and similar acts, our contemporary stigmatizes, "undue publicity—a practice alike unwise and un-Masonic." We should be very dull of comprehension if we did not assume that some, at least, of the remarks to which we last week gave a place in our columns were intended for us. The cap fits, and we are prepared to wear it. In doing so we think a few words may not be out of order on this subject of "Undue Publicity." In the first place we would impress on the Editor of the journal in question, and on all who would write as he has done, that there is a very wide difference between English Freemasonry and Freemasonry as practised in the United States, Canada, and other countries outside our "tight little island." What we do here we are not ashamed of publishing to the world, and we fail to see that any harm can come, either to the brethren in particular or to the Order in general, by any reference to Masonic actions in a public newspaper, while we may also say that the outside world reaps no benefit from the information thus vouchsafed. Freemasonry in this country is so essentially a society for extending the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, that we incline to the belief that the more the actions of its members are published the better it will be for mankind in general. We know nothing of politics, of differences of religion, or of the thousand and one controversial subjects on which men disagree; and the fact of our publishing to the world reports of our meetings—even "literal copies of the official records of Secretaries" though they be—is evidence of our desire to challenge contradiction on these points. If the reports were not true they would—at least once now and then—be challenged by some of those who are ever anxious to pick a hole in the Masonic organisation, but we believe they have always been allowed to pass unquestioned—perhaps unnoticed, as being too trivial to call for even passing comment. Our contemporary and our foreign brethren

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generally must understand, when we say we are not ashamed of publishing our doings to the world, that we consider them equally straightforward, and if they differ from us in their ideas as to what part of our doings should be recorded in the public press we do not for one moment imagine it is from any unworthy motive, or because they are afraid of any part of their doings being known outside the precincts of their Lodges. We assume the question is simply a matter of opinion, and no doubt we each feel that our own view of the case is the correct one.

There is no doubt that the publication of the doings of Freemasons in public papers could be carried too far, as by going to extremes our secrets might become intelligible to the outside world, but is there any fear of existing "Masonic periodicals," foreign or otherwise, going to that extent, or is there any risk of a respectable journal outside of Freemasonry lending itself to the publication of details which would be detrimental either to Freemasonry or Freemasons? If Freemasonry is used for its legitimate objects only; if what is done in the Lodge-room is done solely for the benefit of mankind, on the principles recognised by Freemasons, no harm can follow the publication of the names of those who were present, those who were advanced, or those who presided as Officers; it is only when Freemasonry is made the cloak for some unworthy or unholy action that any fear is justifiable that publicity is dangerous. We may, then, dismiss the charge that the publicity to which our contemporary refers is unwise, on the ground that it being so or otherwise entirely depends on individual opinion, and that we know is as variable as the wind. But our contemporary says it is un-Masonic! Here we have ample official evidence to prove the contrary, unless our contemporary desires to assert that its view is the correct one and the recognised action of almost every Grand Lodge wrong. There are very few exceptions throughout the world where the grand bodies of Freemasonry do not periodically publish reports of their Proceedings, wherein appears everything to which our contemporary takes exception, so far as is possible, in connection with a Grand Lodge as compared with a private one. These reports, or whatever they are termed, are certainly not issued to the world through the medium of the newspapers, but they are usually printed, and widely circulated, without any obligation, we believe, that the Masons into whose hands they fall are to keep them sacred from outside eyes. Our private Lodges have not the means, or the inclination, to follow the example of their rulers, and publish periodical reports of their doings, but they are often as anxious to be able to send details of their work to friends as are the Grand Lodges, and for this reason they avail themselves of the Masonic periodicals, or of such local and other papers as may be willing to afford them the opportunity of gratifying their desire. They are fully justified in doing so, and if the reports are so worded that the essential secrets of Freemasonry are not disclosed, no harm can possibly arise from the publication, and we fail to see on what ground, unless it be one of mere sentiment, the charge of un-Masonic action can be maintained. We shall be pleased to hear the views of our contemporary on the issues we have raised if it deems them fit subjects for friendly controversy.

AN INTERESTING OLD MASONIC DOCUMENT.

BRO. the Rev. Charles M. Stock, of Bedford Lodge No. 320, Pa., in writing to the *Keystone*, says:

"Two years ago, while in the city of Brunswick, I visited its famous old Cathedral founded by Henry the Lion, in the twelfth century. My attention was attracted to the tombs of Duke Charles William Ferdinand, and his son Duke Frederick William. The latter is marked by small black flags suspended above the coffin. These were placed there, and are renewed from time to time, by the matrons and maidens of Brunswick, as memorials of his valour and patriotism. The father, Duke Ferdinand, was killed at the battle of Jena, on the 14th day of October 1806, while at the head of the Prussian army, numbering 70,000 men. The French Army was under the command of Napoleon in person, and numbered 90,000. The son, Duke Frederick William, having united with the English in common cause against the French, fell, nobly avenging his father's death, in the battle of Quatre-Bras on the 16th of June 1815, two days before the battle of Waterloo.

Yesterday I buried a man who had a remarkable history. Born in the city of Prague, in the year 1799, and spending many years as a student and professor at its university, he remembered distinctly concerning the Napoleonic wars, and the events of those times. Among his papers is the following, which I think well worth publishing. Any scholar understands the difficulty of a proper translation of such material. With this as an explanation, I append the document in full:

The following address was delivered at Brunswick, by Duke Ferdinand, Grand Master, upon the occasion of the initiation of his son, Count Frederick:

I congratulate you on your admission into the most ancient and the most respectable society of the earth. To you the mysteries of Masonry have been, and shall further be revealed; and so bright a sun never heretofore shed lustre upon your eyes. In this awful moment, when before this holy altar, may you shudder at the thought of any crime, may you have confidence in every virtue, may your reflection inspire you with noble sentiments, may you be permeated with a religious abhorrence of every vice that degrades human nature, and may you feel the elevation of soul which shuns a dishonourable action, and ever seeks the practice of piety and virtue. These are the wishes of a father and a brother conjointly. Concerning you the greatest hopes are entertained; let not our expectations be disappointed. You are the son of a Mason who glories in the Fraternity; and for your zeal and attachment, your silence and good conduct, your father has already pledged his sacred honour. You are now a member of this illustrious Order, introduced a subject of a new Country whose extent is boundless. Pictures are now exposed to your view wherein true patriotism is exemplified in glowing colours, and a series of transactions recorded which the rude hand of time can never efface. The obligations which influenced the first Brutus and Manlius to sacrifice their children to their love of country, are not more sacred than those which bind me to support the honour and integrity of this venerable Fraternity. This moment, my son, you impart to me the joy of a second birth; and should your conduct in life correspond with the principles of Masonry, my remaining years will pass away with pleasure and satisfaction. Contemplate the great example of our ancient masters; peruse our history and Constitutions. The best, the most humane, the bravest and most civilised of men have been our patrons. The vulgar are strangers to our work, but the greatest geniuses have sprung from our Fraternity. The most illustrious characters on earth have laid the foundation of their most amiable qualities in Masonry. Solomon, the wisest of princes, framed our constitution by the raising of a Temple to the Eternal and Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

Swear, my son, that you will be a true and faithful Mason. Know that from this moment I combine the affection of a parent with the endearment of a brother. May your heart be susceptible of love and esteem, and may you burn with the same zeal your father possesses. Convince the world by your new alliance that you are deserving of our favours, and never forget the ties which bind you to honour and justice. Do not contemplate with indifference the extensive connection you have formed, but let universal benevolence regulate your conduct. Exert your abilities in the service of your country and the knowledge you have this day attained—the happiest acquisition of your life. Recall to memory the ceremony of your initiation; learn to bridle your tongue, and to govern your passions; and ere long you will have occasion to say: "In becoming a Mason, I truly became a man; and while I breathe will never disgrace a jewel that kings may prize."

If I live, my son, to reap the fruits of this day's labour, my happiness will be complete; I will then meet death without terror, close my eyes in peace, and expire without a groan in the arms of a virtuous and a worthy Freemason.

THE WHITE APRON.

OPERATIVE Masons, when at work, wear an apron to protect and preserve their garments from spot or stain. A white apron is therefore very appropriately used in Masonic ceremonies as an emblem of purity and innocence, and is intended as such to impress upon the wearer of it the duty of bearing a pure and spotless character, unstained by corruption and free from vice. When we see an operative Mason whose clothes are all spotted and stained with mortar and dirt, we knew he does not wear an apron at all, or is unconcerned about the appearance of his clothing. So it is when seeing a speculative Mason indulging in intemperance, or hearing him take the name of God in vain, or otherwise living in violation of the moral law, we think at once he has never learned the use of the Masonic apron, and that his soul is spotted and coloured with violations of his obligations as a Mason. What must be the feeling of a profane, intemperate, or immoral Mason when his mind reverts to the time when first as an Entered Apprentice he was presented with the white apron, and taught that it was an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, and was told to wear it with pleasure to himself and honour to the Fraternity.—*D. G. M., Ark.*

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THE MASTER'S HAT.

WE have heard the question asked many times, "Why does the Master wear his hat?" and this question very likely arises in the mind of every brother who witnesses for the first time the ceremonies of Installation; especially so where this custom prevails.

Before us is a letter of inquiry concerning this, and by it we are prompted to make a brief notice of so conspicuous a covering.

Within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Master, on being installed, is usually told by the officer officiating that it is his privilege in the Lodge to remain covered; so he wears his hat, as Master, without giving any special thought to it, or if he does, he regards it as a symbol, significant of his high office and of privileges limited to the Master, whose duty is to rule and govern his Lodge; as it is the duty of the brethren to obey.

As a symbol, the hat denotes freedom not servitude—it was worn among the Romans as a sign of freedom, and from the high antiquity of Freemasonry, it need not excite surprise, if the custom so long established in all English and American Lodges, was borrowed by the Freemasons to denote their own freedom, and later, to confine the wearing of it to the Master, as a special privilege in order that it might be better seen who was to rule and who obey.

In the Western world people uncover their head when received by, and while they remain in the presence of high rank, or as Mackay puts it, "the king remains covered, the courtiers standing around him take off their hats."

Freemasons, being also Free men, and bound together by voluntary association, select their ruler or Worshipful Master, and as a symbol of the authority vested in him, by reason of office under their gift, they crown him according to their own custom and proclaim it for their own convenience and government.—*Liberal Freemason.*

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRINCE LEOPOLD, DUKE OF ALBANY, K.G., &c.

IT may be remembered that at the time of his death his Royal Highness, who took his title of Earl of Clarence from Clare, in Suffolk, was Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons in that town, and that the brethren assembling there proposed to erect a memorial to their lamented Royal Master in the parish church. The project was originated by the popular owner of Moyns Park, W. Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, Prov. S. Grand Warden of Suffolk, whom the Prince had appointed Deputy Master of the Lodge, and it was cordially supported by Lord Waveney and the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter. A Committee was appointed, with General Ives as Chairman, the other members being the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain of England, and Deputy Grand Master of the Province, W. Bro. N. Tracy Prov. G. Secretary, and W. Bro. C. H. Vincent Prov. G. Registrar, the hon. secretary of the fund. A brass tablet was ultimately determined upon, the design for which was entrusted to Bro. Vincent, who is a P.M. of the above Lodge, and has evidently fulfilled his task *con amore*. The tablet has a foliated border of acacia, intersected by quatrefoils and trefoils, containing the armorial bearings and Masonic jewels borne by the Prince. In the upper border we observe the Master's jewel, with the Royal Arms and the insignia of the Garter; and in the lower are the R.A. jewel of the Grand Third Principal of England, with the Prince's arms and those of Clare; the right and left centres showing the jewels of the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and the Junior Grand Warden of England. Beneath the open volume of the sacred law, which bears the emblems of the Craft, is the following inscription, in Gothic characters:

"In fraternal memory of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Junior Warden of England, Grand Third Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of England, fourth son of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, who was born 7th April 1853, and died 28th March 1884, H.R.H. being at the time Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons in this town, No. 1,823, this tablet is erected by the officers and members of the above Lodge, and other brethren in the province of Suffolk."

The initial letters are illuminated, the arms being emblazoned, and the jewels enamelled in Masonic colours. The whole work is beautifully conceived, and is perfect in every detail, while the execution is faultless—indeed, the utmost credit is due to the engraver, as well as to the designer, who is an amateur in art, and the Committee may be heartily congratulated on the result of their labours. The Lodge and Province are specially indebted to General Ives for having not only superintended the work, but also for very kindly defraying its extra cost beyond the amount of the original estimate. The memorial has been fixed in a commanding position, and we understand that the Rev. R. Sorsbie, vicar of Clare, besides giving the Committee the choice of its site, generously declined the fee to which he was entitled for its erection. An excellent photograph of the tablet has been taken by Bro. T. Stokoe the W.M. Elect of the Lodge.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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IMPERIAL GEORGE LODGE, No. 78.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, falling on Christmas Eve, was, by special dispensation, held on the previous evening. It was wisely decided, we think, by the Officers of the Lodge not to hold their meeting on the Christmas Eve, as in previous years, it having been found inconvenient for many of the brethren and visitors to leave their homes and families on such occasions. Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at three o'clock, by the W.M., Bro. Richard Burtles; the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The letter of condolence which had been sent to the family of the late Bro. Samuel Lawton, and the reply thereto, was then read, and both were listened to by the members with the greatest veneration; this was testified in a very marked degree by the Lodge being draped in black, and the brethren wearing black rosettes on their aprons. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the Installing Master, Bro. Peter Lawton P.M., took the chair; the outgoing W.M. presented the W.M. elect Bro. W. H. Withington S.W. The opening portion of the ceremony was delivered by the Installing Master in a most pathetic manner, he evidently struggling with some strong inward feeling, doubtless caused by the reading of the letter of condolence referring to his late father. However, as Bro. Lawton proceeded he nobly mastered his feelings, and completed his work in a most able manner, and to the delight of the brethren present. The Secretary having recited the usual questions put to a W.M. elect, Lodge was raised to the third degree, and the ceremony of installation proceeded, almost without a hitch, and in a manner that may fairly be described as word proof to the form and ritual of Lodges in this Province. The address to the Master was most ably delivered by Bro. Harvey Heywood, J.P., P.M., who has filled the post of Treasurer of the Lodge for many years. The address to the Wardens was impressively recited by another very old P.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Dr. Garlick, and he also acquitted himself in a manner that brought many marks of approbation from the brethren assembled. The address to the brethren was given by the Installing Master in a manner which, later in the evening, was described by Bro. Nathan, one of the oldest Past Masters in England, as truly efficient, and as far as his recollection went it had never been better done. The working tools were presented to the W.M. by the Installing Master in brief but emphatic language. The following Officers were then formally invested:—Bros. R. Burtles I.P.M., T. G. Marsh S.W., E. Dodd J.W., H. Heywood P.M. Treasurer, F. Entwistle Secretary, J. W. Lees S.D., C. L. Hartley J.D., P. Lawton P.M. D.C., W. Fielding Organist, R. Hilton I.G., J. Kent Tyler, W. Harlow Assistant Tyler. One omission was nearly being made, the investment of a Director of Ceremonies; but even if this duty had been overlooked, it would scarcely have mattered, inasmuch as this old Lodge had learned to value the important services of Bro. Peter Lawton, and in all probability no other D.C. will ever be appointed whilst he is willing to fulfil the duties of that office. The usual questions from the chair elicited hearty good wishes from twenty-four visiting brethren, and the Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, at five p.m. Half an hour later the brethren sat down to a banquet catered for by the host of the Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, who supplied the tables in a sumptuous manner. Handsome decorations lent a lustre to the scene; the cookery was of the choicest, while the waiters were well up to their work, and most obliging in their manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. Withington, with neat introductory remarks, and if space would permit our reporting them, it would make somewhat paradoxical Brother Withington's oft-repeated assurance that he could not make speeches; however, if he cannot make speeches (which we are not prepared to admit), he can and did look well after the Visitors, and in this respect the W.M. was aided by his Wardens and Officers. Some Lodges would do well to follow in this regard the example of this old Fireside Lodge. Doubtless much of this foresight is due to Bro. Lawton, who seems never tired of working to carry out the teachings of our highly respected Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, whose innermost wish is to see uniformity of ritual in Lodge working, attention to visitors at the festive board, and the practice of every social and moral virtue. The musical programme was under the baton of Bro. J. H. Greenwood, and Worshipful Masters will do well in taking every opportunity of securing the services of this brother. He is a host in himself; he is a splendid accompanyist; he sings well, gives character sketches, and never says no to an encore. Enthusiastic speeches were delivered by some of the visiting brethren, amongst whom may be mentioned Bro. William Harris, W.M. of the Wolseley Lodge, who in eloquent terms referred to the fact that Bro. Withington was a member of the Wolseley Lodge, and had always been ready to perform any ceremony when called upon; also that the Imperial George Lodge deserved, and had, his best thanks for having elected one of his members as their Master. Bro. Withington he believed was the youngest Master in the Province, and he (Bro. Harris) could fearlessly say would be considered one of the most efficient Masters, and a truly good Mason. From experience he had found that Bro. Withington practised out of the Lodge what he preached in it, and a brother who thus far practised Freemasonry was indeed a man to whom much honour was due. In conclusion, he opined a happy and prosperous year for the Imperial George Lodge, and he trusted that for many years Bro. Withington would occupy a seat by his side on the dais of the Wolseley Lodge. He had much more he could say about Bro. Withington, which would not only be a treat for him, but a pleasure to the brethren to hear; but he was being nudged on the arm by his D.C., Bro. Darbyshire, who was making suggestions to him to cut it short; so he felt he must conclude, but promised to again visit the Lodge, when he would tell them how Bro. Withington first introduced him to the Masonic world

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in the Province. Bros. Roger Walker W.M. Callender Lodge, Schofield W.M. Strangeways Lodge, Bottomley W.M. Tudor Lodge, Irving Virtue Lodge, Russell Strangeways Lodge, Nathan P.M. Zion Lodge, also made excellent speeches, all expressing their delight and gratitude at being present. The toast of the Officers was ably responded to by Bro. Marsh, the Senior Warden, who although suffering from hoarseness, was so carried away by the enthusiastic character of the meeting that he made a neat and impressive speech, pledging his own, and that of his brother Officers, intention to right loyally support their Master. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Bros. Harvey Heywood and Dr. Garlick, the latter of whom reminded Bro. Heywood that he was some years wrong in saying his connection with this Lodge dated twenty-one years back; in point of fact he (Bro. Garlick) had been connected with the Lodge twenty-five years, and Bro. Heywood was a member when he joined. Both these Past Masters spoke in eulogistic terms of the Installing Master, and in a most confident manner of their belief in the ability of the newly-elected Master to add to the prosperity of the Lodge under his rule. The evening's proceedings were brought to a close at ten o'clock by Bro. Greenwood singing the National Anthem.

DORIC LODGE, No. 81.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at Woodbridge, on Tuesday, 29th December, when Bro. E. Smith was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large muster, amongst those present being Bros. Major General W. H. Hessey W.M., Past Masters Brothers Alfred Barnes, B. Gall, W. P. T. Phillips, Ernest St. George Cobbold, F. A. Kent and Thomas Grimwood; Brothers E. Smith S.W., Frederick Horsey J.W., W. H. Page Phillips S.D., J. Stidolph Organist, J. Parrett I.G. Amongst the members present were Brothers George Booth, C. D. Girling, D. Jackson, A. S. Gross, William Hawes, W. Sheppard, and William Cook. The Visitors included Bros. W. Clarke P.G.P., James Terry P.M. 228 (Secretary to the Masonic Benevolent Institution), C. G. Hayward W.M. 516, N. Tracy P.M. 376 P.G.S., F. C. Atkinson J.D. 376, &c. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Clarke, assisted by Bro. Terry, who acted as D.C., Bro. Gall taking the Senior, and Bro. Thomas Grimwood the Junior Warden's chairs respectively. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers for the year as under:—Bros. Frederick Horsey S.W., W. H. Page Phillips J.W., George Booth S.D., Joseph Parrett J.D., B. Gall Treasurer and D.C., F. Whisstock Secretary, Rev. R. C. M. Rouse Chaplain, J. Stidolph Organist, A. S. Gross I.G. The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Bull Hotel, where between thirty and forty brethren sat down to an admirably-served repast. The W.M. presided, and in addition to the brethren already mentioned, there were present—Brothers E. C. Moor, J. Collins, J. Grout, J. C. Fisk, R. Allen, &c. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, and the Pro Grand Master and Present and Past Grand Officers, were proposed from the chair, Bro. W. Clarke responding for the Grand Officers. The Chairman next proposed the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Waveney; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, to which Bro. N. Tracy P.G.S. responded. The I.P.M. Major General W. H. Hessey proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and expressed his indebtedness to Bro. E. Smith for having kindly consented to forego the claims he had to his present position during the two years he (Major General Hessey) had occupied the Master's chair. That large gathering was sufficient testimony of Bro. Smith's popularity amongst the brethren, and he was sure from what they had already seen they might look to their W.M. to raise the working of the Lodge to a higher degree of excellence than it had hitherto reached. During the past year many brethren had, through the influence of Bro. Smith, been initiated or admitted as joining members of the Lodge—they had now about fifty members on the books—and he hoped the time was not far distant when the Doric would be one of the strongest Lodges in the Province. In conclusion, Major General Hessey expressed his regret that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was unable to be with them, because he said it was his particular wish to be present to do honour to Bro. Smith. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. The W.M., in a few well-chosen words, responded. He thanked the brethren and the Past Masters for the great kindness they had shown to him, and expressed the hope that the Officers of the Lodge would, during the coming year, afford him every assistance in carrying on the work of the Lodge. Bro. W. P. T. Phillips proposed the Masonic Charities, and alluding to the fact that he should have the honour of representing the Province at the Girls' Festival, expressed the hope that he would be well supported. Bro. Terry, who on rising to respond was received with loud applause, said the Benevolent Institution this year required more than usual support, because it had overdrawn its banking account by some £1500 during the past year. The number of candidates was largely in excess of the vacancies, and unless great help was accorded to the Institution, it would be impossible for the Committee to find room for an additional number, or even fill up the vacancies which already existed. At the present time there were 130 candidates, while there were only fourteen vacancies. Having alluded to the fact that Bros. Tracy and Wright were going to represent the Province at the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Phillips at the Girls' Festival, Bro. Teary referred to the success which had attended the scheme for the insurance of the life of Brother the Rev C. J. Martyn, which would secure for the Province a large number of votes in perpetuity. The Chairman proposed The Visitors, to which Bro. C. G. Hayward and others responded. Bro. Major-General Hessey proposed the health of the Installing Master, and alluded to the fact that Bro. W. Clarke had kindly undertaken and ably discharged the duties for the past eight years. Bro. W. Clarke responded. The Chairman then proposed The I.P.M. and the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bro. Major-General Hessey and the officers responded. The Senior Warden proposed The Treasurer and Secretary, and having expressed his regret at the absence, through illness, of Bro. Whisstock, said the Lodge was especially indebted to Bro. Gall for the way in which he had undertaken the duties of his present office. Bro. Gall responded, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.—*East Anglian Daily News.*

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 257.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, held at Portsmouth, on Monday, the 28th ultimo, was well attended. Brother Colonel Crease, C.B., R.M.A., having been elected as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, was duly installed, the ceremony being impressively performed by Brother Ernest Hall P.M. P.G. Superintendent of Works. Colonel Crease appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Arthur Jolliffe I.P.M., W. G. Gilbert S.W., Major Campbell, R.M.A., J.W., Rev. G. H. DeFraine, M.A., P.M. P.G. Chaplain and Rev. T. Fitzhardinge Morton, M.A., P.G. Chaplain Chaplains, J. R. O'Connor, M.D., P.M. P.P.G.W. Treasurer, H. Drummond Secretary, S. B. Darwin S.D., A. O. Bayly J.D., James Griffin, J.P., I.G., T. R. Williams P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Ernest Hall P.M. P.G. Supt. Works Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Captain Kennedy and C. W. Long Stewards, G. D. Lovegrove Organist. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Brother George Rake P.M. P.P.G.W. was unanimously agreed to. After the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where an excellent banquet was served. The proceedings were of an unusually interesting character, as this is the centenary year of the Lodge, which was founded in May 1786. Amongst the Visitors present were the following Prov. Grand Officers of Hants and the Isle of Wight:—Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Master, J. E. Le Feuvre Deputy Master, Edgar Goble Secretary; also R. Barnaby Main W.M. 1593, Lord Henry Lennox, General Sir George Willis, K.C.B., P. Vanderbyl, M.P., Captain St. Clair, R.N., W.M. St. Clair Lodge, &c.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE December meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bro. M. J. Withers W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. Witherington S.W., Blackwell J.W., Mount P.M. Treasurer, Parry Secretary, Martin S.D., Hawkes J.D., Sherwood I.G., Walters D.C., Hayward Organist, Tirbutt Steward, S. Wheeler I.P.M., Robert Bradley P.M. P.G. Sec., F. J. Ferguson P.M., Chas. Ouden P.M., Samuel Bradley P.M., Bracher, Albury, Galt, Knill, Millar, and others. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Alexander Livings, and Mr. William Bonny, who were duly elected and initiated into Freemasonry. The brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Frederick Blackwell Junior Warden was elected Worshipful Master, and Bro. R. C. Mount P.M. was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. The Tyler, Bro. Hemmings, was also re-elected. The W.M., S.W., J.W., and Bro. R. Bradley P.M., were appointed as an Audit Committee. On the motion of the W.M. a sum was voted from the Lodge Funds to provide a portrait of the late Bro. W. W. Moxhay P.M. P.P.S.G.W., to be placed in the reception room of the Lodge. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. The W.M. expressed his thanks to the Officers for the courtesy they had extended to him during his occupancy of the chair, and asked the Lodge to accept a new set of tracing boards which he had placed in position. On the proposition of Bro. R. C. Mount P.M. thanks for these gifts were voted. Business ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to the third Tuesday in January.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 551.

ON the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, High-street, Ventnor, Bro. F. Topham Jones was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large number of the Craft from various Lodges in the island, including Bros. M. Linfield, T. H. I. Petherick, A. Honston, A. Greenham, A. H. Brown, T. Saunders, Wheeler, Brannon, Wacell, J. Conner, A. J. Firth, G. Pack, E. Groves, Brockington, Tolman, F. P. Ansle, J. Webber, H. B. Ribbands, &c. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro Alfred Scott P.M. P.P.G.S. Bro. the Rev. J. Alloway was appointed to the office of S.W. At the close of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to the Crab and Lobster Hotel, where a banquet was served in capital style by the proprietress, Miss Cass.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

THE members of this Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, 21st December. The brethren present were the W.M. Bro. John Collinson in the chair, Bros. D. J. Ross S.W., W. Hill J.W., K. Kingston P.M. Treasurer, I. Irvine S.D., H. Brocklehurst J.D., A. T. H. Pauncefort I.G., V. Day Steward, Past Masters Brown, Packer, Bolton, Richardson I.P.M.; also Bros. Sharp, Bentley, Guanzerulli, and Thrower. The following Visitors were present: Bros. Higgins P.M., Colls, Baildon. After the minutes of the November meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Jaspord James Nannetti; it being unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. Sharp, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, was then passed to the second degree, Bro. Pauncefort officiating

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as Organist, Bro. Anderson, who was also a candidate for passing, was unavoidably absent. Bro. Packer P.M., acting as Secretary pro tem, in the absence of Bro. J. Weaver P.M., brought several matters before the Lodge, which were formally dealt with. Bro. Brown P.M. then gave notice that at the next meeting he would ask the members to discuss the propriety of altering one of the bye-laws of the Lodge. After the termination of the business the brethren and visitors retired to the Holborn Restaurant, dinner being prepared for them there. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. A very pleasant evening was the result, there being no scarcity of the Masonic talent provocative of harmony. The members and their Visitors dispersed at 10 p.m.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday, the 21st ult. There were present Bros. Dr. Draper W.M., Dr. Henry Foster S.W., T. G. Hodgson J.W., the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, P.G. Chap. Chaplain, J. Todd P.P.G.T. Treasurer, Wm. Smith Secretary, P. Border S.D., C. Anderson D.C., C. Forbes I.G., S. Crumack Steward, W. G. Calvert Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. G. Garbutt, A. H. M. Gachen, J. Sykes Rymer, Mark Rooke, A. Buckle, G. W. C. Lee, R. W. Hollon, G. Kirby and J. E. Macnay; Bros. Dr. J. Ramsay, Tom Archey, J. Toes, E. Houlden, Lambert Hick, Rev. C. Linley, J. Biscombe, E. Carter, Dr. Mungo Bryson, W. G. Thomas, and E. W. Purnell. Visitors—Bros. J. M. Blenkin P.M. 1611, F. Smith P.M. 837, W. B. Smith 837, G. W. Hudson 566, R. Hodgson 566, W. H. Beverley 200, W. H. Cowper 1848, W. G. Watson 602, R. C. Faulkner 1555, J. W. Woodall G.T. 200, J. Brookes Parkin 837, L. A. W. R. Barnes 113, H. Allison 1001, F. Bateman 837, and others. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Draper W.M., and after the reading of the minutes, Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.T. took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. H. Foster W.M. elect, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. A. Buckle P.M. P.P.G.D. and J. Sykes Rymer P.M. P.G. Registrar. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. Draper I.P.M., T. G. Hodgson S.W., W. Smith J.W., the Dean of York P.G.C. Chaplain, J. Todd P.M. Treasurer, E. W. Purnell Secretary, S Border S.D., C. M. Forbes J.D., H. S. Hopton D.C., A. Sample Org., J. B. Sampson I.G., S. G. Crumack and T. Watkinson Stewards, and W. G. Calvert Tyler. The Secretary read letters of apology and regret from Bros. Dr. Bell D.P.G.M., Peck P.G.T., Tew P.G.M. West Yorks, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.P.G.S.W., Sir F. Milner P.G.S.W., T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W., and several others. The Lodge being closed in peace and harmony, subsequently a banquet, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, was held in the Lodge-room, and presided over by the W.M., supported by a great number of brethren, the room being quite full. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the rest of the evening spent in characteristic harmony and brotherly love.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The closing meeting of the year in connection with this Lodge of Instruction will be recollected as one of the happiest and most harmonious in the "annual round." In spite of the dreary weather there was a capital muster of the brethren at Bro. Pusey's, Lugard Tavern, Peckham, and most appropriately on the last gathering for the year Bro. Walter Martin, the esteemed and able Preceptor of the Lodge, was unanimously asked to preside. He was supported by Bros. W. Wimble as S.W., W. Dutton J.W., S. J. Lampen Treasurer, C. L. Tokely Secretary, Garland S.D., Morgan J.D., D. Thomas I.G., Axford, Nightingale, Amphlett, Eadle, Wilkinson, A. Pusey, Briley, and others. Having opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Eedle personating the candidate. The working of Bro. Martin, especially in the traditional history, was much admired, and elicited frequent expressions of approbation. The brethren, after having been called from labour to refreshment, and *vice versa*, saluted the W.M. in the three degrees, after which Lodge was closed in form and amidst the heartiest good wishes for a prosperous New Year. Bro. Martin, in reviewing the work of the Lodge during the past twelve months, congratulated the brethren upon the many successful and happy meetings they had enjoyed; and though he could not expect them to be more so in the year which was so nearly approaching he trusted that the attendances might be even more numerous in the future than they had been in the past. In accordance with annual custom the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, to which every brother present contributed his quota. Interspersing the excellent songs some complimentary toasts were proposed, and honoured with "good old United Mariners' fire." Especially well received was the health of the Preceptor; Bro. Wimble, in proposing it, alluding to the able and intelligent manner in which Bro. Martin had discharged his duties in that capacity ever since the Lodge of Instruction had been established. Bro. Martin responded in a few happily chosen sentences, thanking the brethren for the kindness and consideration they had ever extended towards him, and for the assistance they had rendered in promoting the interests and welfare of this Lodge of Instruction. It would be his duty and pleasure in the ensuing year, as it had been hitherto, to welcome any brethren who might consider it to their advantage to attend their meetings; he would endeavour to aid them to the utmost of his ability in their Masonic researches. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed, reference being made to Bro. Lampen's recovery from a recent illness, and a hope being expressed that he might long be spared to discharge his duties to the Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and a most active and consistent supporter. The services of the Secretary were also duly acknowledged, and suitable replies to the compliments paid to them were made by Bros. Lampen and Tokely. The heath of the worthy host, in recognition of his admirable arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren, was also proposed and cordially received, and Bro. Pusey in response said, it would be his continued study to merit the approbation of the brethren. One or two other toasts were honoured, interspersed with singing and recitations, a ventriloquial sketch by Bro. Wilkinson being much applauded. At a seasonable hour, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" in true Masonic fashion, the brethren separated, amidst the heartiest wishes for a "Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No 147.—On Thursday, 31st inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Hunt jun. W.M., Pitt S.W., Thomas J.W., Speight P.M. Sec., Stringer S.D., Penrose J.D., Ingram I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings Preceptor, Bolton; also Bros. Prior, Greener, Dandridge and Emblin. After preliminaries, the usual questions were answered by Bro. Prior, and Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bros. P.M.'s Hutchings, Banks and Speight were respectively re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer and Secretary for the ensuing year. The report of the Audit Committee was read, and Lodge of Instruction was then closed in due form.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, 23rd ult., at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., Brothers Campbell W.M., L. De Costa S.W., D. Moss J.W., Fernley J.D., Belchamber Preceptor, B. De Costa I.G., J. K. Pitt Secretary, J. Lashbrook, &c. Lodge 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. Pitt acting as candidate. The first and second sections were worked by Brother Moss, assisted by the brethren. Brother L. De Costa was elected W.M. for ensuing week. It was arranged that Bro. Moss should work the ceremony of installation on Wednesday, the 6th of January 1886. Members of the Craft are invited to assist.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 18th ult., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8 p.m. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Bailey S.W., Norton J.W., Cammell S.D., Monson J.D., Pearce I.G.; P.M.'s Andrews Preceptor, Rev. P. G. Pickering; Bros. Brusll D.C. 1818; also Bros. F. Botley, Earl, Francis, Coningham, Turner, Sugg, Maton. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Francis candidate. Bro. Francis answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. worked the first section, Bro. Botley the second, and Bro. Andrews the third sections of the 1st lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brusll was elected a member. The Lodge meetings were adjourned till Friday, 8th January 1886, when Bro. Bailey will occupy the chair. Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Friday, 8th January 1866, at 8 p.m.

At the December meeting of the Board of Benevolence, Bro. J. Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice President, occupied the chair, supported by a large attendance of brethren. Several letters of thanks were announced as having been received from recipients of relief at the November meeting, and recommendations made on that occasion, amounting in the aggregate to £440, were confirmed. The new list contained the names of fifty-three petitioners, resident in various parts of the country; but of these five were deferred, being incomplete, and one petitioner had died since the name was placed upon the list. The remaining forty-seven cases were relieved, in amounts ranging from £100 to £2 each, the total relief granted being £1,512. The sum voted in benevolence by the Board during the past year was £10,153.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, Canonbury, on Thursday, 31st ultimo. Comps. W. H. Dean M.E.Z., W. Radcliffe H., T. C. Edmonds J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., H. Jenkins S.N. The Companions mustered well for the last Convocation of the Year. We trust the New Year may prove as successful as the declining one.

The Freemasons of Sussex are about to present Lady Burrell with a portrait of Sir W. W. Burrell, as a token of the esteem in which Sir Walter, who is the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, is regarded by the brethren of the Province.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 2nd January 1886:—

Tuesday—Grand Master's Lodge. Friday—Fidelity Chapter.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The remarks contained in your issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE on 12th December embody a principle which is often discussed by the members of Lodges, and which cannot be too widely canvassed. I refer to the practice of asking for "votes and interest" in view of elections in connection with the Craft. If the transference of the office of Grand Treasurer from a permanent to an annual one was a step in the right direction—which most of us venture to opine it was—the effect of that reform will be grievously stultified should it be the means at the same time of inaugurating a system of touting for votes, or as you rightly point out, of "overstepping the bounds of prudence in connection with the annual fight" for the only elective collar at the disposal of Grand Lodge. There can be no question that there is a growing tendency in that direction, which the brethren will do well to discountenance and check by every means in their power; otherwise it will develop into an annual splitting up of Freemasons into sections and cliques, which cannot but be injurious to the Craft in more senses than one. The canvassing which recently took place on behalf of the various candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer has been properly stigmatised as unseemly, and gave rise to many arguments and discussions happily of rare occurrence amongst Masons.

It has always, so far as my experience of Freemasonry is concerned, been considered *infra dig*, and utterly opposed to the rules of etiquette, to make a personal canvass on behalf of or even to insinuate the claims, supposed or real, of any brother who might be desirous of filling the chair, or any other office in the Lodge. Moreover, when such has been found to be the case the "knavish tricks" of coteries have invariably been frustrated by the action of other brethren whose aim it is to maintain an *esprit de corps* amongst the general body of the members. Not long since I heard of an instance in which a Past Master, anxious for a second taste of the sweets of office, passed the word round amongst a select circle of his friends to that effect, and a vigorous effort was made by the few voluntary canvassers in his behalf, no doubt anticipating their reward for services rendered in the shape of a more speedy advancement to position in the Lodge. But the stratagem was discovered in time, and, much to the chagrin of the too zealous Past Master and his hirelings, it was met with a sufficient amount of opposition to prevent its being carried into effect.

There are many brethren who will think with me that the re-election of a Past Master to the chair of his Lodge is undesirable, except under very exceptional circumstances, for it not only retards the whole of the oncoming Officers for a year, but frequently begets a spirit of disappointment and discontentment amongst the whole of the following members, who might have been looking forward, as all should do, to appointment to office. If therefore, as you observe, all canvassing, either personal on the part of the candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, or by his intimate friends, should be forbidden by the Grand Master, the same wholesome and salutary rule should be applied to the ordinary Lodge elections, and no touting for support permitted either for Worshipful Master or any of the other offices. A serious contemplation is raised by the very idea you foreshadow of candidates for admission to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry being "interviewed," and their promise of support ascertained for either one faction or the other. Such a process would revolutionize the whole principles of the Craft, and make the ballot only a mockery and a delusion. Many a Mason—indeed all who are solicitous for the well-being of the Craft—will re-echo your sentiments when you say that when once the system of canvassing becomes recognised in connection with other offices than that of Grand Treasurer, Freemasonry will be split up into factions, and harmony will be banished from our midst.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.Z.

REVIEWS.

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Painless and Perfect Dentistry. By Dr. G. H. Jones, F.R.S.L. London: 57 Great Russell-street, W.C.

LIKE many other branches of study bearing upon the health and comfort of humanity, the dental art has undergone prodigious manipulations and improvements within comparatively recent years, and in this popular treatise on the teeth, Bro. Jones shows that instead of its being delusive to speak of "painless dentistry," it is as much an accomplished fact as the swift locomotive engine, the electric light, or the telephone. That the author does not "speak without the book" may be gathered from the fact of his being the inventor and patentee of dental improvements in our own country, as well as in America, France, and Belgium, having taken gold medals at the various great international exhibitions. These successes have been recognised by his appointment as honorary surgeon-dentist to the Reedham Asylum for Fatherless Children, the British Asylum for Deaf and Dumb Females, the Licensed Victuallers' School, and other institutions, whose authorities are evidently alive to Bro. Dr. Jones's eminent status in his profession. It is not our province to enter copiously into the great variety of subjects which concern the physical and mental condition of future generations, and the real danger to which lies in neglecting necessary precautions, and in disregarding the means at our disposal for the preservation of sound health. The various matters connected with the beneficial inventions of science to promote and preserve good health are happily treated by the author, whose homely little *brochure* should be perused by all who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in consequence of the defective condition of the teeth.

Little Folks. London; CJsselle', La Belle Sauvage Yard, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

IT will hardly be necessary to remind heads of respectable families of the attractions of this admirable work for children, which has run through we scarcely know how many years, and is to be found on many a nursery bookshelf, well thumbed by the hands of tiny readers. Every new issue of this publication is as fresh and even more replete with interest to our "little folks" than its predecessor, and the series which makes its appearance with the new year is in every respect superior to anything we have yet seen emanate from this old and respected firm. Mrs. Molesworth, the well-known writer for children, leads off with a new serial story, called "The Palace in the Garden;" the second story is entitled "The Bravest of the Brave," by the author of "Doddlekins," and a novel series of anecdotal papers, with striking full-page illustrations, is commenced, under the title of "Baby Birds and their Ways." Mr. Henry Frith contributes the first of his "Little Stories of Earth and Sky," which seek to explain many curious facts and legends possessing peculiar interest for young people. An important new departure is made in this number, and will be continued, by the introduction of several novel features which are specially designed for the benefit of very small children, amongst which may be mentioned four pages of pictures, with stories printed in large type, in addition to simple tales, a story of words in one syllable, and numerous jingles and amusing rhymes. The miscellaneous papers are of great variety and of uniform excellence, and the editor announces a large number of special competitions for the year 1886. These are prepared for children of varying tastes, and are so arranged that by means of three divisions for competitors of different ages all—even the little ones in the nursery—who compete have an equal opportunity of winning prizes. Among the competitions is one for the best coloured copies of a painting book, called "A Book of Fruits and Blossoms;" and a special feature in them all is that the whole of the coloured books, articles of work, toys, scrap albums, dressed dolls, &c., &c., sent to the Editor are afterwards distributed among the inmates of our Children's hospitals. The January number of "Little Folks," contains about fifty pictures, by Gordon Browne, Lizzie Lawson, E. J. Walker, E. Scannell, C. T. Garland, Ernest Griset, H. G. Rhodes, W. S. Stacey, A. Barraud, and other well-known artists; and it is adorned with a Picture in Colours, called "The New Pet," by M. E. Edwards.

The Housewife: a Practical Magazine, concerning everything in and about the Home. London: 5 Ludgate Circus Buildings, E.C.

HERE we have a new venture, by another eminent firm of publishers; and the title above will be sufficient to convey to the minds of thousands of heads of families how valuable an addition this will be to our stock of useful standard literature. In his—or her—preface, the editor expresses an intention of gathering a large family around her, every member of which will be expected to assist in the entertainment and instruction of every other member. Whatever comes within the scope of the word "home," from the cellar to the garret, between the front gate and the extreme end of the kitchen garden at the back, will be open for discussion and elucidation. Certainly in the opening part now before us there is ample promise of this prolific programme being well sustained, for we have the opening chapters of a treatise on "Our Country Home, with its trials and triumphs of housekeeping," by E. Harcourt Burrage; chatty hints and information on "Cookery for the People," by Mary Jewry; on "Modern Embroidery," by B. C. Saward; and a host of others on knitting, dress of fashion, family medicine, music, dress making, food, and household management, all of which must be of paramount interest to the thrifty housewife. It needs no very great stretch of imagination to predict that a work of such universal and practical importance will find ready acceptance at the hands of the vast audience to whom it is addressed; indeed it is difficult to limit the scope of such a publication, which lays its useful treasures at the feet of every section of the community.

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, Freemasons' Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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, on Saturday, the 9th day of January 1886, 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 Notices of Motion, as under:

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. B., Vice-Patron:—

"That the House Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding thirteen hundred pounds (£1,300) in the erection of an Entrance Lodge, a Carpenter's Cottage and the extension of the front fencing along that part of the frontage of the newly-acquired land facing the Common."

To add to Law LX. following Clause II.:—

"In case a vacancy occurs from any cause before the newly-elected children are received into the School, the next highest unsuccessful Candidate on the List may be admitted at the next Quarterly Court."

"That one additional Girl be elected at the Quarterly General Court in April, thereby raising the number of elected Girls in the Institution to 237."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 FREEMASONS' HALL,
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2nd January 1886.

THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,
UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
General J. S. BROWNRIGG, C.B., P.G.W.
Provincial Grand Master Surrey,
Will take place on WEDNESDAY, 19th MAY 1886.
The names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

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FOR
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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON
WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 1886,
AT
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UPON WHICH OCCASION
The Most Honourable the MARQUIS OF HERTFORD,
R.W. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,
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 SPLENDID BALANCE SHEET.

THE closing of the year is a time when business men apply themselves to the balancing up of their accounts and taking stock, so as to ascertain correctly the result of their past twelve months labour. In this respect the body of Masons are most heartily to be congratulated upon the amount of benevolence they have been enabled collectively to bestow, the figures showing a vast and gratifying excess over that of the preceding year. It may be urged that this is in a measure to be accounted for by the steady increase in the number of Masonic Lodges; yet, taking into consideration the wide-spread depression of trade, and the exceptional calls upon the purses of the large-hearted during the past year, there remains ground for sincere and solid gratification in the tables which have just been made at the end of the financial period. A perusal of these tables, which we subjoin, will show that whereas in the year 1884 the total amount subscribed to the three Institutions was £48,823 17s 7d, last year it was swelled to £54,416 2s 7d; giving an increase of £5,592 5s. The Benevolent Institution continues to head the list, with £21,374 7s 1d in 1885, as against £19,901 7s 8d in the preceding year: being an increase of £1,472 19s 5d. Probably this may be attributed to the exertions of the collector appointed by the Benevolent Institution, and may suggest to the executive of the other Charities the desirability of a similar agency for the gathering in of contributions, of which they have not lately availed themselves. It is a matter of experience amongst charitable societies of every class that the results are invariably more substantial when entrusted to the care of a duly accredited and paid official than when the duty of collection is relegated to the hands of honorary and comparatively inexperienced members of the staff. It may, therefore, be not inopportune to point out to the heads of the Boys' and Girls' Schools that it would probably be useful to consider whether, by the zealous and pertinacious applications of a collector, such as he by whom the "Old People" are represented, a still greater amount of grist might not be brought to the mills of those Institutions than is at present the case. With respect to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls a still greater advance is to be recorded, the increase in last year over that of 1884 being no less than £1,849 0s 6d. The receipts for the year just ended were £16,768 19s 6d, as against £14,928 19s in 1884. More satisfactory than all is the increase to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the totals of 1884 and 1885 being respectively £13,993 10s 11d and £16,272 16s, or an advance upon the preceding year of £2,279 5s 1d. Statistics are proverbially "dry reading," but in these figures we opine that the brethren generally will take a vivid and satisfied interest, showing as they do "how the barometer" stands with respect to the robust activity that continues to be displayed in all the ranks of Masonic life. The vast

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increase received by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution last year must be in a great measure attributed to the almost superhuman efforts put forth by its zealous Secretary Brother James Terry, in arranging for the Festival in February last, when, under the presidency of Brother Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, the splendid total of £17,636 6s 8d was announced as the united exertions of the three hundred and fifty Stewards who undertook to represent the various Lodges in London and the Provinces. In like manner, probably, must the increase of the Boys' total be set down to the indomitable exertions of Brother Frederick Binckes, through whose persistent and well-directed appeals in behalf of the Preparatory School Buildings a very substantial amount was raised. The past year's receipts by this Institution include, of course, the special grant from Grand Lodge of £1,000, voted at the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on the motion of Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. Brother Binckes, it must be remembered, still requires a little more help to enable him to place the Preparatory School on the basis which its advocates and well-wishers would be gratified to see it; and seeing that the next Festival in aid of the Boys' School will complete a quarter of a century of his exertions in that direction, it is to be hoped that it will resolve itself into a kind of "silver wedding," at which the silver—and gold too—will roll in plenteously in order that Brother Binckes may see the desire of his heart fulfilled, and the top-stone placed on the splendid superstructure he has so ably designed and assisted to a successful issue. The occasion of this Twenth-Fifth Anniversary in Brother Binckes's Festival career should be an incentive to all the brethren to aid him in the accomplishment of his laudable scheme, and we have no doubt such will be the case. In the Girls' School list it must be specially noted there is a munificent gift of a thousand guineas, presented by the Province of West Yorkshire, through its late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.; and there are good things in store for Bro. Hedges, as Secretary of that Institution, as we are reminded that at last month's Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge a grant of £1,000 was made towards the purchase of the additional land at Battersea Rise, though the committee have acted wisely in keeping that sum as a nest-egg for next year, instead of including it in the current balance-sheet. Respecting the prospects of the coming year, it is gratifying to note signs already of increasing activity in the cause of charity. The Province of Cambridgeshire has made a noble start, by voting out of its Benevolent Fund one hundred guineas to each of the three Institutions,—a graceful act, which will be duly appreciated by the Craft at large.

Subjoined are the returns furnished to us officially from headquarters, in the order of the respective totals:—

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	17,570	11	4
Dividends	1,899	1	6
Grand Lodge	1,600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Legacy	105	0	0
Rent of Meadow	18	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call	31	14	3
	21,374	7	1

Royal Mason Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions (including £1050—Sir Henry Edwards Presentation, West Yorkshire)	11,203	15	8
Dividends—"General Fund"—5 qrs.	1,575	0	0
" "Sustentation Fund" 6 qrs.	174	3	0
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Admissions under Law LXIII.	100	0	0
Music Fees	193	14	6
Miscellaneous	61	16	4
	16,768	19	6

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14,423	1	10
Music Fees	80	17	0
United Grand Lodge—Annual	150	0	0
Ditto Special	1,000	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	2	12	0
Dividends on £17,000	553	5	2
Legacy	52	10	0
	16,272	16	0

Lodge of Benevolence.

Month.	Cases relieved.	Amount. £	s	d
January	36	750	0	0
February	30	710	0	0
March	34	755	0	0
April	43	983	0	0
May	28	620	0	0
June	27	703	0	0
July	25	770	0	0
August	17	415	0	0
September	27	675	0	0
October	35	1,185	0	0
November	38	1,075	0	0
December	47	1,512	0	0
	387	10,153	0	0

Taking a prospective glance at the prospects of the Festivals for the current year, we have first to consider that of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry has secured the services of the Marquis of Hertford, Senior Grand Warden, as Chairman for his Festival, and although the noble Marquis will not be backed up by a Province, the Institution is so high in the esteem of the Craft that we may anticipate a brilliant result from the gathering next month in aid of its funds. For the Girls' Festival Bro. Hedges has enlisted the sympathy of the popular Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., and we are assured that his Province will use even greater exertions than were shown on the occasion this respected chief presided at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in 1883. The Chairman for the third Festival of the year has not yet been announced, but we have heard a whisper; he is likely to be one of the most popular heads of the Craft. Moreover, the Festival of the Boys' School will, so to speak, mark the silver wedding of Bro. Binckes in his association with the Institution, this year's Festival being the Twenty-Fifth held since he has filled the office of Secretary. Doubtless his many friends and supporters will seize the opportunity to do him special honour on the occasion.

It is to be hoped that other Provinces will emulate the magnificent example set by Cambridgeshire, and that by this time next year we may be able to announce an equally satisfactory advance as is our pleasure to record at the opening of 1886.

Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. presided over a regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last, when, amongst other business transacted, the sum of ten guineas was voted towards a "Twelfth Night" entertainment to the pupils at Battersea Rise, and a further sum of £50 was granted for the purpose of providing a paling for the boundary of the grounds of the Institution. Ten petitions were placed on the list for the April election. It was resolved to recommend to the Quarterly Court, on Saturday, that the list of candidates should include thirty-seven applicants, and that the number of vacancies to be filled shall be twenty-two. Three notices of motion, the terms of which will be found in our advertising columns, were given by Bro. J. H. Matthews, Vice-Patron, P. Grand Std. B., and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Richardson for presiding.

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CRYPTIC MASONRY.

A Historic Address given by Brother Henry W. Rugg, at Freemasons' Hall, Providence, on 30th Oct. 1885, on the occasion of the Observance of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island.

TO trace the rise and progress of the Cryptic Rite is no easy task. The search has to be made along an often obscure way. There are no reliable sign-posts to point out the exact time and place when and where this part of the Masonic system originated; at the best its early history appears fragmentary and uncertain. The scanty records available are often most disappointing in what they lack to make some of their statements clear and conclusive.

It is an additional cause of perplexity that such various and conflicting theories are put forward by earnest advocates, whose inferences sometimes seem to be exceedingly far-fetched and illogical. Of course there would be no difficulty if only ancient legend were accepted as authoritative, and mere tradition received as true history. Everything might at once be settled by affirming that the degrees of Royal and Select Masters were instituted at Jerusalem, as the present rituals of these degrees would suggest. But no intelligent Craftsman entertains this thought. He knows very well that Freemasonry in all of its departments has been subject to long-continued processes of evolution, and that what we have to-day in the Masonic system and organisation is of comparatively modern presentation. Hence, he is quite prepared to believe—according to what is a plain inference in the nature of things—that the Cryptic degrees were produced at a period far more recent than that from which we date the establishment of Freemasonry in its present form.

It does not come within the scope of this address that I should make any extended reference to the questions relating to the origin and first manifestations of Cryptic Masonry. I may only attempt, in as brief a manner as possible, to summarise certain opinions and conclusions which seem to me worthy of acceptance.

I find no trace of the existence of either of the two leading degrees in the Cryptic Rite until the latter part of the eighteenth century. Possibly they were associated with the Rite of Perfection, introduced into this country in the year 1766, by Henry A. Francken, a Deputy Inspector General, commissioned as such by Stephen Morin, who is often spoken of as the founder of the Scottish Rite in America. Morin, who derived his authority to establish and propagate the higher degrees from the "Grand Council of Emperors of the East and West," at Paris, made Francken his representative and agent in the doing of such work. Francken conferred similar powers on Moses M. Hayes, of Massachusetts, who in turn gave like authority to Moses Cohen, who went to Jamaica, established a Consistory there, and conferred various degrees on that body and elsewhere. A certificate from Cohen, dated 9th November 1790, represents that Abraham Jacobs had been initiated into the degree of "Select Masons of Twenty Seven." It is claimed there is no earlier written record of the Select Master's degree than this, though there are numerous incidental references supposed to point to its having been known both at Paris and Berlin. Whether the degree originated with Cohen or Jacobs; or was manufactured at Charleston, S.C., or brought there from Berlin, in the manner described by Holbrook, who says a certified copy of the original ritual of the "Royal Select Degree" was deposited, in 1788, in the archives of the Grand Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, at Charleston; or yet was produced from some other source, does not appear altogether clear. There is no doubt, however, that Jacobs conferred the degree of Select Master in various parts of the country, about the year 1790. It is also a well established fact that a year or two previously, Joseph M. Meyers, Deputy Inspector for Maryland, had begun to confer, and authorise the conferring of, the Select Master's degree in connection with the Rite of Perfection. There is likewise evidence to show that Henry Williams, of Baltimore (who lived in that city as early as 1790), a prominent Craftsman, referred to in several well authenticated documents as "Grand Inspector General," and having exalted rights and powers supposed to have been derived from the Grand Lodge of Berlin and Bremen, authorised the working of the degree of Select Masons, and also the establishment of a Grand Council, representing the same, in the city of Baltimore. This was in 1792.

The degree of Royal Master was hardly known at that date, if it were in existence. It made its appearance in New York in the first decade of the present century, and not unlikely may claim that city as its birthplace. However this may be, the two degrees became closely associated, and were conferred together, under various authorisation, more or less regular, in separate Councils and in Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, from about the date of 1804-6.

Thus early in the century the Cryptic Rite had gained some sort of recognition in Baltimore, Charleston, New York city, and several other places. It was not, however, very widely known, or generally regarded as of much importance. It had but a feeble organic life, and occupied at the best only a sort of semi-detached position to the Masonic system and organization.

In 1816, Jeremy L. Cross became interested in the Cryptic Rite, receiving the degree of Select Master from Phillip P. Eckel, of Baltimore, and also (probably) a commission to confer the degree upon Royal Arch Masons wherever he might meet them. Cross soon ascertained that a "Grand Council of Select Masters," in New York city, was granting charters to subordinate bodies. He asked authority to established Councils and grant warrants, and was empowered to do this by a commission issued by Eckel and Niles in 1817. Two years later, having in the interim received the degree of Royal Master, Cross was given augmented powers; for on the 29th September 1819 acting in the name and under the authority of the "Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters," of the State of Maryland, he gave a charter, "without expence," to Providence Council of Royal and Select Masters, the first organisation of Cryptic Masons in Rhode Island.

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Coming now, after so extended a preface, to the establishment of the Cryptic Rite in Rhode Island, I call attention to a meeting held at Masons Hall, Providence, 28th March 1818. This was a gathering of "Royal Arch Masons, who have from time to time received the degree of Royal Master." Samuel Jackson, Caleb Earle, William Wilkinson, Asa Bosworth, and other prominent brethren of that olden time, were among the earnest Cryptic Masons who took counsel together for the establishment of a new organisation. At an adjourned meeting, held 19th May 1818, it was decided that "the degree of Select Master be attached to this Council." The first gatherings only recognised "Royal Masters." The organisation was perfected, and under date of 27th September 1819, it is recorded that "Companion Jeremy L. Cross presented this Council with a Charter free of all expense." The charter begins as follows: "By the high powers in me vested by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, North America,"—and the document is signed by Jeremy L. Cross D.G.P.

Providence Council flourished greatly for a time and gained large additions to its membership. It suffered almost total annihilation from the Anti-Masonic storm; and for a time, while it had a name to live, delegated its powers to Providence Royal Arch Chapter, which conferred the degrees according to its convenience and the desires of Companions to receive them. In 1841, Providence Council was revived, and has maintained its existence, under conditions of increasing prosperity, until now.

In 1847, Pawtucket Council of Royal and Select Masters was organised in Pawtucket. This body received its charter from the Grand Council of Massachusetts. In 1859-60, Webb Council, of Warren, was instituted, having been granted a charter by the Grand Council of Connecticut. At a much earlier date a body of Royal and Select Masters had been organised at Newport, under a charter obtained from the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction.

In 1860, therefore, at the time of the creation of the Grand Council governing the Cryptic Rite in Rhode Island, there were four bodies in the State, each deriving its authority from a separate source. The membership of the four Councils aggregated about two hundred and fifty. But little interest was taken in the Cryptic degrees or organisations. The experiment had been tried of giving them to the control of Royal Arch Chapters, but the experiment had not met the views of brethren who were most devoted to the Rite. At this juncture it was determined

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to take an advanced step, looking toward the maintenance of the degrees in a distinctive organisation, and the imparting of more interest and importance to the Rite. A Convention, called at the instance of Providence Council, met in Masons' Hall, Providence, 9th March 1860,—three Councils, viz., Providence, Pawtucket and Webb (Warren) being represented. At this meeting an invitation was sent to De Blois Council, of Newport, to participate, but the invitation was courteously declined. Several adjourned sessions of the Convention were held, and after much careful consideration, a decision was reached to form a Grand Council. Tuesday, 30th October 1860, was the date fixed upon for public recognition of the new Body and the installation of its Officers, and prominent Craftsmen from Massachusetts and Connecticut were asked to attend and conduct the services. In accordance with such arrangement, on the date named, 30th October 1860, the Grand Council of Rhode Island was instituted, Bros. E. P. Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, and H. B. Ensign, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut, taking the leading parts in the constituting and installing ceremonies. Rev. Bro. Sydney Dean officiated as Grand Chaplain.

James Salisbury was installed as first Grand Master. This brother was, in some respects, a remarkable man. He had peculiarities of speech and action, so that he was noticeable in any gathering. He was a man of opinions; of strong prejudices; of great conservatism; but he was a true and faithful Craftsman, and especially devoted to the interests of the Cryptic Rite. He well deserved to be placed at the head of the new Grand Council, a position which he held for five years. Bro. James H. Armington, a royal soul, greatly esteemed and beloved by the Craft, was the second Grand Master. He held office for four years. The succession to the first office in the Grand Council has been as follows: Charles R. Cutler, Stillman White, Albert H. Cushman, John F. Adams, Amos A. Peavey, Edwin Baker, Rev. Wm. N. Ackley, and Osmond H. Briggs, who is now at the head of the Body. Evidently the administration of the affairs of the Cryptic Rite in Rhode Island has been in good hands during the last quarter of a century.

Woonsocket Council, of Woonsocket, was organised 8th April 1868, and received its charter the year following, taking rank as No. 4 in the jurisdiction. De Blois Council, of Newport, was admitted to fellowship, becoming allegiant to the Grand Council in 1870, and was designated as No. 5.

The several subordinate Councils have been favoured with a fair measure of prosperity since the establishment of this Grand Council; and now there are about 800 members of the Cryptic Rite in this State, more than three times the number reported in 1860.

It is no part of my present purpose to discuss the character and worth of the degrees that belong to the Cryptic system. That they inculcate valuable lessons may not be questioned, and that the truth they seek to convey is set in the form of a beautiful and attractive ceremony is generally conceded. The enthusiastic supporters of Cryptic Masonry maintain that it deserves to be regarded as the "summit and perfection of the York Rite,"—essential to the full understanding of what is represented in the degree of Master Mason and that of the Royal Arch. Whatever our differing estimate may be, I am sure we shall all agree that the Cryptic degrees have a Masonic and a moral value, and that it becomes all Royal and Select Masters to be familiar with their teachings and pronounced in their support, ever striving to maintain the Rite in a position of influence and efficiency, and to increase its ministry of practical usefulness. In this branch of Masonry, as in other departments, it depends upon the character and efforts of those included as members what the progress shall be and what the accomplishments. Brotherly love counts for as much here as elsewhere. Faith in God is as essential a feature. Fidelity to duty is as imperatively demanded, while zealous endeavour will just as surely contribute to desired success. If the next quarter of a century in the history of the Grand Council of Rhode Island is to bear a richer fruitage of honour and blessing than the epoch just ending, there must be a corresponding increase of devotion and service on the part of those identified with its interests and work.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

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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 JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In.)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1381—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hora Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 4th 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—Jopps, 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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gaulden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, 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.)
1621—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1825—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Bartlett 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

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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
691—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1059—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061—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, St. George-street, Leeds
1230—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1389—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1431—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, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 202—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 340—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 5th 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.
111—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
169—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jopps, 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)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pewman-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)
1208—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
1442—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)
[illegible]91—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)
1919—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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—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
304—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
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.
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1373—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1388—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
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
2002—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, 6th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Scarborough Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)
548—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Portsmouth-street, Portsmouth, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1375—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 514 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1691—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palace-st., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1362—Beaconsfield, Clarendon, March 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.
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—Gratuite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Madra, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
404—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Ty
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester.
674—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1236—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 Kingsway, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 116 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1418—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Horncastle, Hall (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1738—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 240—Old Globe, Lodge Borough 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. 312—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Pare Street, Tiverton
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 7th JANUARY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street,

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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
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)
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
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
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, 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—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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)
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. 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)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphali, 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
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
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
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, Tonsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Footle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1512—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1584—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

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. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction
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. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, 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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
468—Airc and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, 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 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. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 9th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, Langham St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Eccleston, 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.
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
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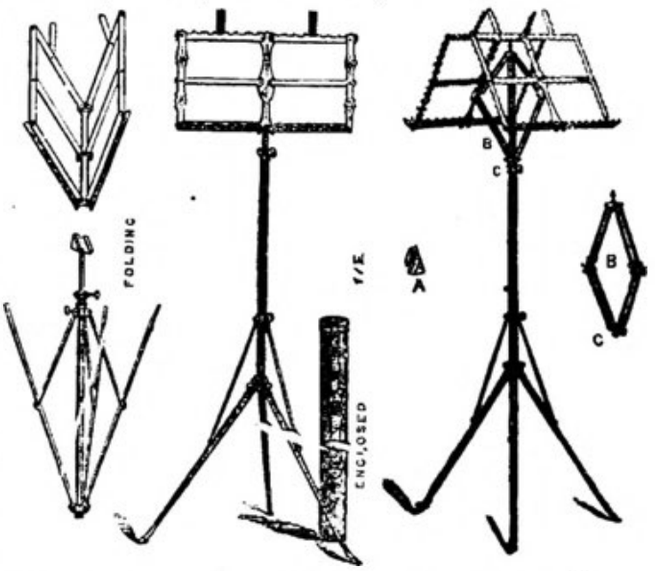

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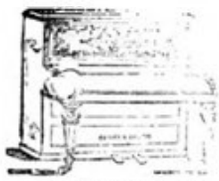

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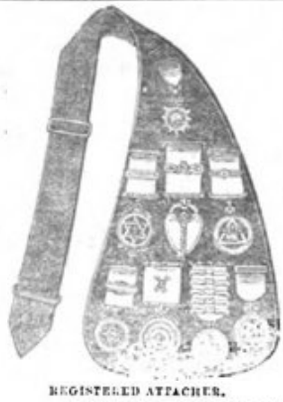

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE look to the management of our Charitable Institutions very much as ordinary politicians do to the Lord Mayor's banquet for something in the shape of inspired utterances respecting the present position and the future prospects of those glorious organisations in which all Freemasons take so deep an interest; and at the opening of the year it was only natural that Bro. Terry, as the representative of that Institution whose Festival comes earliest on the rôta, should take advantage of the New Year's Entertainment to the Old People at Croydon to speak in plain and certain language how that Charity really stands. It is now well known that at the Festival to be held next month in aid of the Benevolent Institution, the Marquis of Hertford has consented to preside, and the influence of that worthy Brother may have some effect in arousing the interest of the Craft in this active Charity of our Order. But the fact stares us boldly in the face that up to the present moment there is a strange falling-off in the number of Stewards representing Lodges, both in London and the Provinces, compared with some previous years; and unless some extraordinary effort is put forth by the brethren collectively during the few weeks that have to expire between now and the date of the Festival—24th February—the usefulness of this grand Institution must be seriously curtailed. This, we venture to opine, would be a source of unmitigated grief to all who watch the beneficent work which the Charities are called upon to perform; but when, with such a gloomy prospect in view, we note also that there are no fewer than one hundred and thirty deserving applicants for the benefits of the Charity, and so few vacancies at the disposal of the executive, the case assumes a very serious aspect indeed. It would be superfluous to remind the brethren of the deep and earnest solicitude which Bro. Terry feels for the Institution with which he has been for so many years intimately associated, and which owes so much of its success and usefulness to his exertions. And at this juncture of affairs, when so much depends upon the turn that matters must take within the next few weeks, we deem the indefatigable Secretary's ideas on the subject of such vast importance as to deserve the most prominent place that we can give them in our columns. No more fitting an occasion could have been chosen by Bro. Terry for issuing what we must all regard as a Manifesto to the Craft, than at the "Old Christmas day" festivities within the walls of the Institution itself, a report of which will be found on another page. In responding to the toast of the evening, Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Terry pointed out that the esteemed President of the day, Bro. C. J. Perceval—who was most sincerely congratulated upon his recovery from a serious illness—had called attention to the fact, which was patent to the reading portion of the Masonic world, that large amounts had been received during the past year on behalf of the Institutions, and once again the Benevolent Institution stood at the head of the list. That during the past 7 or 8 years had not been an unusual thing; it had only once during that period been surpassed, and that was in the year 1883, when an extraordinary effort was put forth on behalf of the Boys' Preparatory School, at Wood Green. Still they wanted money, perhaps more than either of the educational Institutions, for this simple reason—they knew at once when they took a child into either of the Schools exactly what would be the cost of maintenance of that child upon the funds; but when an annuitant was elected upon the funds of this Institution, it was impossible for the committee to say what charge they were undertaking, or what expense incurring. The annuitant might live only three months, but in some instances they had lived 30 years, enjoying those benefits and advantages; and so, with the large number of candidates coming before them, nearly 130, with a larger list to present to the committee next week than they had had for years, it was sad for them to know they had not a sufficient number of vacancies with which to cope with so large an amount of distress. And, although £21,000 might appear a great sum realised in one year by the Benevolent Institution, compared with £16,000 each for the Boys' and Girls', yet actually they were worse off during the past year, inasmuch as the increase in their subscriptions and donations was only £1 400, whilst the Girls' Institution had an increase of £1,800, and the Boys' the very large increase of £2,500 on the year. Therefore, he ventured to say, that although it did appear at the first blush that the Benevolent Institution was the most successful, yet, taking facts and figures, it was the least successful of the three. Looking forward to the Festival of 1886, he could only express a sense of deep regret that they were not more forward than they were at the present time. They had between sixty and seventy Stewards less than last year; they had a chairman without a Province at his back, whereas the Province of Gloucestershire came up last year to support the President (Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, M.P.) bringing up £1100. So, unless their good friends were working, as he was sure they would work, more energetically if possible than others had done, the Institution would sustain a loss of some £4000 or £5000, and that with an increased list of candidates. He knew the Craft had only to be made aware of these facts, between now and next month's Festival, and there was ample time for a large acquisition to the number of Stewards and promised subscriptions on the lists of those Stewards. It was, of course, always a source of anxiety as to what the result of the Festival would turn out to be; and he looked forward with some amount of regret in anticipation that it would be nothing like the announcement made in 1885. When they came to consider what an additional source of expenditure was placed upon this list by electing 23 widows and three men, at a cost of nearly £800 a year—an amount which in the first history of this Institution was thought more than they could afford to pay—but which was now placed on the list as an extra charge per year—he was sure all the well-wishers of this Institution would use their utmost exertions to raise as large an amount as possible in the coming month. He thanked them for the honour and privilege of being present to give them these facts and figures, and he hoped that by their dissemination amongst the thinking and reading portion of the Craft, they might produce such a result as should falsify his words that night, and prove to the Committee, when they met in February, that he had been a false prophet. Still, they must look upon it as business men. Money was not so flush as it was last year; we had passed through a period of great and general depression; we had had a political election, causing money to be spent in many ways; and thus early in the year people had hardly yet time to look at their balance-sheets

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to see how they stood, or to calculate how much they could afford to give in charity. He hoped those who had hitherto given five guineas would give ten, and those who had given ten, twenty; so as to qualify as Vice-Presidents; and that those who had attained that position might even yet increase their assistance to the Institution. He congratulated the meeting upon their happy presence and the renewed health of their President, and hoped these gatherings would continue to be enjoyed by all of them for many years to come. It will thus be seen that the position of the Benevolent Institution is a most critical one just now, and it is to be hoped that Bro. Terry's well-directed statements may be read and duly considered throughout the length and breadth of the Fraternity. There can be no question that his apprehensions respecting the result of the approaching Festival are well grounded, judging from the present outlook; and we can only trust that the brethren will make a stupendous effort during the next few weeks to sustain the verdict which Bro. Terry has wished to be pronounced upon himself in respect of the Festival, that he has been "a false prophet." There is yet time to make up lost ground, if the various Lodges in the metropolis and throughout the Provinces will take heed of the "no uncertain sound" which hails from headquarters; and that they will do so, and enable the Institution to extend—at any rate not compel it to be limited—its sphere of beneficence, is a consummation devoutly to be wished by every man who has the true interest of the Craft at heart.. Could the brethren witness, as we did on Wednesday last, the happiness and contentment which is provided for so many of our poorer brethren and widows at the splendid establishment at East Croydon, we feel assured they would be stimulated to such exertions as would at once set the mind of Brother Terry perfectly free from anxiety; and we look hopefully to the effect which a perusal of his outspoken appeal and note of warning will produce amongst the brethren generally ere the time arrives when the amount subscribed in behalf of this magnificent charity is announced by him at the Festival which is now so close upon us.

WELL PREPARED FOR GREAT WORK.

An Extract from an oration by J. A. Kiester, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

AN Order so ancient as Masonry, having the designs and purposes of Masonry, and being so universal, must necessarily be peculiar in many respects, must differ in many features from most human organisations, and such is the fact. And here I shall say nothing of the peculiar ceremonies of Masonry, its universal language, its method of teaching by symbols, hieroglyphics, allegories, traditions, and memorising which make a peculiar and indelible impression upon the mind of the initiate—a system found in perfection nowhere else—nor need I suggest that its adaptability to all classes of men is such that it possesses a charm for even the mystic, the seer, the antiquary, as well as for the man of to-day, the moralist and the philosopher, but I may refer to plainer, more evident facts.

The Institution is one of fixed principles and disciplinary character, yesterday, to-day, and for ever the same. Its great leading principles are crystallised in landmarks and ancient regulations, which no power within or without the Order can ever change. It is true a Masonic body may attempt it, but the only result is that it legislates itself out of the Order; they cease to be Masons, but Masonry remains the same. Let us realise the great importance there is in this fact of permanence. An Institution existing in every civilised land, maintaining unchangeably certain correct primary, moral, social and political principles, must in the ever-changing notions and vagaries of every age, be of inestimable value to the world.

To illustrate this tendency to change "these shifting sands of doctrine," in one respect only, but an important one, you will permit me the remark that now, after the lapse of one, two or three centuries, nay, within fifty years, some of the religious denominations have added many new dogmas to the faith they once held, while some have lost sight of the distinctive principles, or peculiar doctrines, on which they were originally founded, and some have gone so far as not only to keep in silence and subordination, but to contradict those very original doctrines.

Our political, educational and social systems, too, are filled with new theories and radical changes, some of which are doubtless valuable and so far so good; but in all this we see, without any disposition to find fault or criticise, illustrated, this disposition to change, to drift away from former moorings; yet essential truth, right, justice, are unchangeable, and such are the principles of Masonry! Do we not want, in all this drifting and uncertainty, something permanent? Is it too much to say that in this Institution we find it?

And in this peculiar age of individualism, irreverence, independentism, self-will, disregard of old, fundamental truth, religious dissensions and infidelity, in this age of nervous excitement, intense activities, waste of forces, and the headlong scramble for wealth, this old Order, which teaches, has always taught, always will teach the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, the obligations of the moral law, respect for and obedience to lawful authority, and plain and honest dealing between man and man, and prudence and moderation in all things; this Order, I say, with such teachings and with its disciplinary influences upon the life and heart, of such age and dignity, existing in all lands, of such vast membership, embracing such wealth and intelligence, is necessarily of great value to society, to the state, and of great power in the moral world, and must in the very nature of things have done, though silently indeed, a great work for good, and has yet a great work to do, in the affairs and destinies of our race.

But we may take a step still higher and declare that from the unchangeable character of our Order, Masonry is not only the steady teacher of its principles, but the preserver, the conservator, through all the chances and changes of time, of those very principles! Where will you find a higher office or more important trust than this?

And I must suggest that while Masonry encourages its members in the study of the sciences and in the acquisition of all useful knowledge, and has to-day among its membership many of the most distinguished men of science, it has no sympathy with that sceptical philosophy which, under the pretence of believing nothing or knowing nothing, obliterates the Deity from the universe, substituting for a living, ever present God and His creative power, unexplainable names and terms, dethroning intelligence in the creation, government and final disposition of all things.

And now I may ask, is there not great excuse for the existence of this Order in this day and age, is there not need for its continuance? Do not good government, public order, aye, the old truth faith of mankind, demand its assistance? Let the man of observation, research and intelligence, answer these questions. Allow me now to allude briefly to certain other peculiar features of this Order, some of which in a great measure make Freemasonry the institution it is,—different from all others, *sui generis* indeed,—peculiarities in which lies the secret of much of its power and endurance, and I confess I enumerate them with great pride. This society, though of great age and of wide extent, has never given aid to despotism in any of its forms, in church or state. It has never waged the wars of intolerance, in any age or country, nor has it ever waged war for *any* purpose; it is eminently the society of peace. It has never built the fires of religious or political persecution. And in language which I have elsewhere used, I add; "It has never enslaved or degraded the poor or helpless, nor has it ever dishonoured itself in the face of the rich or great for their favour. It has never followed any fanatical ideas, whims or theories. It never dictates to any one, raises no disputes and argues no questions, and lives in quietness and peace with all men; and with all this, and unlike most other institutions, it asks no favours or special privileges of church or state. It never proselytes, it sends out no missionaries, has no propagandists, and pays nothing for recruits," and while the worthy who knock at its door are seldom denied, none are ever urged to seek admission.

And we now may add largely to all this when we assert, as we truthfully can, that while many great evils overshadow the world, one of the greatest, the saddest, the most confounding, perpetually weakening and distracting the best effort, is the antagonisms created by ignorance, bigotry, envy or jealousy, among the institutions really working to the same great end—the subduing of these evils—that Masonry, standing almost alone in the world, has no share in such jealousies, never creates or permits contentions with other societies, nor interference with their labours. It never anathematises other societies nor excom-

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municates individuals. And all this summary of peculiar features I have named, not because they are new or novel here, but as tending to show the distinctive character of our Order, and how eminently worthy it is of our high esteem and the respect of the world.

But I call attention to still higher features of our Order. Let the man who would view this old Institution in its grandest character, and see the practical application of its principles, visits the schools, colleges, the widows' and orphans' homes and hospitals, erected and maintained by it in Europe and America! Let him estimate the vast sums contributed voluntarily, by Masons as such, to sufferers by fire and flood and pestilence, from year to year, given gladly and with unstinted hand! Let him sum up the aggregate value of the relief and charity funds held for disbursement by the Order, amounting in this country alone to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and, what is still better, let him go to the homes of want, of sickness and suffering, over the land, and behold the quiet unquestioning work of relief and attention ever going on, and of which the world knows nothing, because done on that Christian and Masonic principle, "Let not the left hand know what the right hand doeth, that thine alms may be in secret." Here, again, we call the philanthropist to answer the question, Is not this worthly labour? And here the world may learn, if not elsewhere, one of the secrets of why Masonry has lived so long, why it should continue to live, and why it is not only worthy of the respect of the world, but also why it receives the attention and labours of hundreds of thousands of the wisest, most enlightened and most noble men of our race.

Let us now turn to another view of our subject and see what sanction or approval all this may have received.

It is indeed no idle boast, no empty delusion, that this grand old Order has numbered among its members many of the most illustrious men of every age and land, scientists, poets, educators, scholars, heroes and statesmen, the friends of humanity, the workers for man's progress and happiness.

In our own country what a splendid galaxy of illustrious names may we point to, among whom are Washington, Benjamin Franklin and many other signers of the Declaration, Warren and Putnam, and other Generals of the Revolution, Chief Justice John Marshall, De Witt Clinton, Jackson, Clay and Garfield, besides hosts of others in all the walks of science, literature, and human enterprise, and many thousands of the Christian ministry of almost all the denominations, and we may feel proud that we are united by the mystic tie with such men, and co-workers with them.

And I cannot help remarking here how hideously imbecile is the charge in the face of these great facts, that Masonry is anti-republican, that it is anti-Christian. And now, may the question be timely, Is there not much in all this of special honour and distinction to every Mason? May not every Mason be justly proud that he is a Mason, and love and honour his Order? And every true Mason, whatever his station may be, does honour and love it. He reveres it because of its venerable character, its dignity and stability. He loves it because of the lessons of Brotherly Love and toleration and Charity which it teaches. He honours it because of the great truths which it has preserved through centuries, and inculcates to-day. He respects it because of its lessons of peace and support of order and good government. He respects it because of the illustrious men in every age and country whose names are associated with it. He loves it because of the strong bonds of unity, sympathy and mutual interest it establishes among men. He loves it because of its grand, systematic and ever-increasing work in the relief of human suffering. He loves it because, to-day, as always in the past, it is in full sympathy with the labours and best aspirations of men in everything that relates to the progress, improvement and elevation of our race.

But, brethren, I must detain you a few minutes longer. This Institution of ours, as you all know, notwithstanding its correct principles and laudable purposes, its unobtrusive and peaceful character, its far-reaching and harmonising influences, has always, at least since the days of Samuel Pritchard, more than one hundred and fifty years ago, had its opponents; and I am sorry to say, that as a rule its opponents have not been fair or candid, and their statements of the character and purposes of the society have often been exceedingly false and mendacious.

I may say that besides a number of candid and sincere persons who hold unfavourable opinions of our Order there are two extremes, representing wholly different and antagonistic ideas and purposes and methods which hate Freemasonry. The one is found in those high, powerful and closely organised systems of despotism, the real spirit and purpose of which would, under various pretences, divest man of his right to speak, think and act, except in certain pre-arranged channels, and make him a slave, submissive in body and soul, in life and labour, to a ruling few, in no way his superiors in natural right, intelligence or virtue, and which is for ever promulgating principles, which grew as fungi, in the mental gloom of the world's night—the dark ages. And the opposition and unjust denunciation from this source arises from the fact, partially, that Masonry teaches equality, toleration, fraternity, but more particularly because Masonry as an Institution is to-day one of the strongest bulwarks against despotism in any and every form, and an Institution which no despotism, in either Church or State, can control or use for its purposes. And the world, though it may not always have known it, has always had great need for just such an Institution.

The other extreme which hates Masonry is represented mainly by certain sporadic and ephemeral associations over the land, based on some one-idea principle, narrow-minded, and pursuing their hobbies with rancour, always fanatical, always vociferous, for ever crying, "Lord! Lord!" and under the livery of an assumed sanctity presuming to judge the world and all that therein is, from the elevation of an ant-hill. Both these extremes, with startling travesties of the truth, and with arguments which in the light of facts apparent to all the world are a shame to the human understanding, belabour Masonry right and left. And, strange as it may seem, these extremes hate each other as they hate Masonry, and more strangely still, Masonry takes no note of and cares nothing about either of them.

But, brethren, should we not after all be thankful for the remorseless criticism, the unmerciful opposition to which the Order has been subjected? It is a well known fact that where the meetings of the opponents of Masonry have been held to denounce or expose the Order, as they claim, there the number of applicants for admission to the Order has generally increased; and so patent is this fact, and so often observed, that we can truly say our enemies do indeed "build better than they know," or intend. But this is the least benefit we receive from this opposition. We are taught thereby to observe more closely the teachings of our Order, that we become not obnoxious to these objections; over and above all, this opposition but serves to lay bare and expose to the world the grand, the everlasting foundations on which Freemasonry rests.

And now may I not say that the thought of our responsibility under God to our Order and to humanity, and the great trust in our keeping is one of the greatest we can entertain, if we but fully realise its import. We must know that our individual being is bound up with each other by the most sacred ties, and to the world around us, in the force of example and the influences we exercise. And so far as we are true to our Order and its high purposes, "we are warranted in looking upon ourselves as co-labourers, though humble, indeed, with the Supreme Architect, the builder of all worlds."

And I apprehend that Freemasonry, in all its branches, has an immeasurably larger work to do in the future than it has had in the past, and there never was an era in its history when it was so well prepared for a great work. I am no alarmist, nor would I proclaim danger when none is nigh, yet there are many sober, thoughtful men, men who closely observe the signs of the times, as well as certain sensationalists, who hold that it is very probable, at least, that a great crisis of some kind in human affairs is not distant. What may be the character or proportions of such impending crisis we are not told with much definiteness, but we may conjecture what may, perhaps, be one of its features. We know from some very late developments, that despotisms of all kinds are growing uneasy, because they cannot live in the light, the progress and the national liberty of this nineteenth century. And these powers of intolerance, self-aggrandisement and arbitrary rule are preparing, it is thought, for some final conflict to retrieve the lost ground, or for the supremacy of the world. In such a crisis where would the members of this grand old Order be found, with their labours, influences and sympathies? Might not the world then learn at least one

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THE installation meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in South Devon, was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, when, in consequence of the death of Bro. F. P. Holmes P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. There was a goodly muster of the brethren, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. T. King, and after the ordinary routine business, Bro. G. Succombe was regularly installed into the chair, the ceremony being carried out in most efficient manner by Bros. J. Gover P.P.G.D.C., R. Pengelly P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Moysey P.G.D., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S. Wks. and J. Griffin P.G.J.D. Having been saluted with the usual honours, the newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. King I.P.M., W. F. Westcott S.W., W. T. Hooking J.W., L. D. Westcott Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, W. King S.D., F. Wreford J.D., W. H. D. Colling D.C., J. Hicks A.D.C., J. Newman Organist, J. H. Evans I.G., J. Goad and E. Radden Stewards, and W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bro. L. D. Wescott was elected representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, Bro. F. W. Westcott the Charity Steward, and Bros. J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, R. Pengelly, E. A. Lean, and the Worshipful Master, the representatives of the Lodge on the Committee of Associated Lodges. A Past Master's jewel was voted to be presented to the retiring Worshipful Master Brother T. King. At the close of the Lodge the brethren and their Visitors dined together at the Temple, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. E. Tont and W. Odam P.M's 70, G. Roseveare 974 P.P.G.S. of Works, G. R. Barrett 1255 P.P.G.D, W. L. Lavers I.P.M., W. H. Crimp W.M. 1255, Rev. T. W. Lemon 189 P.P.G. Chaplain, R. Pike 230, T. Goodall 1550 P.P.G.O., J. R. Lord 1247 P.P.G.S.B., A. J. Rider W.M. 1247, J. H. Blackell 1099, E. Pillar W.M. and J. Gifford I.P.M. 105, J. Gidley 2025, W. H. Hunt 1205, and many others.

OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Lincolns Inn Fields, under the presidency of Bro. Henry R. Cope W.M., who was supported by Bros. John Stedman S.W., John Whaley J.W., John Hancock Treasurer, Geo. King Secretary, Thomas Whaley S.D., G. F. Davis J.D., G. Evans I.G., Carl T. Fleck D.C., and the following Past Masters: W. O. Beazley, G. M. Gurton, W. H. Harris, R. D. Hilton, A. J. Dottridge, H. L. Dixon, Geo. Hockley. In due course Bro. John Stedman was installed as Worshipful Master, and he invested the following as the Officers for the year:—J. Whaley S.W., T. Whaley J.W., J. Hancock Treasurer, King P.M. Secretary, Davis S.D., G. Evans J.D., C. T. Fleck I.G., J. A. Armour D.C., Marriott Organist, C. Couchman Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for banquet, which was served under the personal direction of Brother Hamp, in the admirable manner customary at this establishment. Among the visitors were Brothers Edwin M. Lott Grand Organist, W. M. L. Seaman 193, Alfred Harvey 1963, Edwin Bryant (Alexandra Palace Lodge), Joseph Storey P.M. 1107 P.P.G.S. of W. Kent, W. Cambden 228, H. A. Sawyer 1612, J. T. Pilditch P.M. and T. 1257, E. Floyd 902, F. Isant 27, A. T. Randall 20, E. G. Coleman S.D. 11, W. J. Mason 1328, M. Mildred W.M. 2024, J. Stephens W.M. 1425, C. W. Hunt P.M. 1425, C. H. Searle 1298, W. T. P. Montgomery S.W. 1475, W. W. Lee 1897, G. Adams, T. Whaley 55, A. J. Probyn P.M. 11, W. Radcliffe P.M. 211, H. Hambling 2030, J. Packer 73, John Brown W.M. 975, John Parker 217, J. J. Woolley W.M. 15, P. Skar S.D. 1891, J. Hampton 145, E. Brooks 766, J. W. Ray S.D. 1624, J. Garner P.M. 975, W. J. Collens P.M. 766, W. J. Edwards 916, J. Parkes 217, T. P. Collings P.M. 22, F. Binckes P.M. P.G. Steward, J. Donaldson Treasurer 1963, T. Bowley 1963, C. Jones 1420, W. Angus 619, G. Howard 72, J. S. Thompson 1326, J. F. J. Sykes 180, &c. At the conclusion of the banquet, Bro. Stedman W.M. gave the usual toasts. The Queen having been honoured, the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was submitted. They were all deeply indebted to the Grand Master of England, both for his services to the Craft, and for the good he did in the country generally. Speaking of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Stedman said the work done by his Lordship in the Craft was well known; both this and his general work was much appreciated. He felt that so long as such a Mason as the Earl of Carnarvon filled the office, the toast of the Pro Grand Master would be sure of a hearty welcome. The toast of the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, followed. The Grand Officers of England were men who had done well and had earned the places they occupied in the Craft. They had the pleasure that evening of numbering among their visitors a distinguished Grand Officer in the person of Bro. Dr. Lott Grand Organist. He was a fair example of the Grand Officers who had worked their way up, and who had been rewarded for their merit. His talent, as a musician, had won for him the post of Grand Organist. Bro. Lott, in acknowledging the toast, assured the brethren nothing gave the Grand Officers greater pleasure than to be present at Lodges, and to have the opportunity of acknowledging the kind sentiments which were universally expressed in them towards the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Cope, the I.P.M., proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. One of the greatest pleasures he could have enjoyed that day was to instal so worthy a representative of the Old Concord Lodge as they had in Bro. Stedman. He hoped he would have a successful year of office, and that he would follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him, and who had secured for the Lodge its present high position. Bro. Stedman tendered his sincere thanks for the toast. He was extremely grateful for the high office conferred on him that day. He felt very great pride in occupying the chair of the Lodge in which he had been initiated. Having attained to the high honour, he assured the brethren all his endeavours would be thrown into the work of securing the happiness of the members and the prosperity of the Lodge. He trusted that when he came to leave the chair he should have done sufficient to merit the approval of all the brethren. The next toast was that of the I.P.M., Bro. Cope. Brother Stedman was sure the health of the ruler of the Lodge for the past year would be drunk in an enthusiastic manner. A better Master it would not be possible to find than Brother Cope had proved himself in the Old Concord Lodge. During his occupancy of the chair he had maintained the reputation of the Lodge, and had looked after the comforts of the brethren as well as any Mason could have done. Brother Stedman had much pleasure in presenting to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and in doing so assured Brother Cope it was presented with the heartiest good wishes of the members. Brother Cope tendered his thanks. He was very much obliged to the brethren for the kind present they had made him that evening, and hoped that he might be spared for many years to wear it in their midst. The Past Masters of the Lodge were next toasted, and this having been replied to, the W.M. proposed the Charities. The members of the Old Concord Lodge were very glad to see among them so warm an advocate for the Charities as Bro. Binckes, who would, he was sure, do his best to enlist the support of those present on behalf of the Institutions; not that much persuasion was needed to ensure support from the Old Concord. Brother Fleck would represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and the members had that evening appointed another brother as Steward for the Girls' School. Bro. Binckes replied. With a Worshipful Master with such a soul for music as the present Master of the Old Concord, he had hardly dared to hope that time would be found for the proposition of the toast of the Masonic Institutions. Its proposition had shown him that the traditions of the Old Concord Lodge in this respect would not suffer while the Lodge was under the guidance of its present Master. The spirit which had secured for the Lodge the reputation it had gained in the past was still fresh, and he doubted not would manifest itself in the future as strongly as it had in the past. Bro. Binckes referred to the very large total which had been contributed by the Masons of England towards the support of the Benevolent Institutions of the Craft during the past year, upwards of £54,000, and that, be it understood, during a year which had not been one of prosperity. This magnificent result must be taken as a proof that the hearts of Masons beat true to that Charity which bound all members of the Order together. There were some who considered too much time was taken in making appeals on behalf of the Institutions. He considered it would be a bad time for Freemasonry when there should be no mention of the dark side of the Order—that side which, although it always had a silver lining, brought them face to face with their responsibilities as Freemasons. Bro. Binckes hoped that the members of the Lodge would rally to the support of their Steward, Bro. Fleck, and that his list at the next Festival might be such as the Lodge would be proud of. It was hard to say which of the three Institutions was the most deserving, but he felt that if they took the son of a Mason—the one who should be the man of the future—they were acting wisely. On him would depend the support of many of the other sex in the future, either as sister, wife or daughter, while on the boys of to-day would depend the future of the Institutions themselves. He believed the three Institutions occupied a common platform, and that in such a Lodge as the Old Concord neither of them would ever lack support or sympathy. In conclusion, he would urge on all present never to forget those who needed their sympathy, and who, from their peculiar position, could not plead for themselves. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visitors, of whom he was pleased to see no less than fifty present. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Whaley, the father of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, but more intimately associated with the Old Concord Lodge as the father of its two Wardens, congratulating him on being present on such an interesting occasion, as the meeting of that day must have been to him when he witnessed two of his sons promoted to the highest offices in the Lodge below that of Master. The name of Bro. Collings P.M. 22 was also associated with the toast. Bro. Whaley replied, asking the brethren to accept the warmest thanks of the Visitors for the grand entertainment provided for their enjoyment. As the W.M. had told them, he happened to be the father of the Constitutional Lodge, which numbered about 130 members. As the father of such a Lodge he had naturally had some experience of Masonic meetings. At the installation it was usual to expect a little treat, but that night they had had a great one. There were special circumstances which enhanced his pleasure. It so happened that two of his sons had been promoted to high office in this Lodge that night. He knew they had the interests of Freemasonry at heart, and also the interests of their fellow creatures. They had not only followed in his footsteps, but had advanced far beyond what he had achieved, for while during the many years he had been associated with the Constitutional Lodge he had never taken office, they had risen high in their Lodge, and no doubt would eventually rise to the chair. Bro. Collings having replied, the toast of Treasurer and Secretary was given. These two brethren having replied, the Officers were toasted, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way. Bro. Stedman's reputation as a musician was sufficient to induce us to expect a musical treat, but he had provided a programme which exceeded even the most sanguine expectations. His efforts were deservedly appreciated, while the solos and choruses of his "Choir Boys" brought forth the heartiest applause. Miss Effie Clements, Miss Bertha Colnaghi, and Miss Alice Davies were good in the parts they essayed, and they were well supported by Bro. Franklin Clive and Mr. Sam Wright; indeed, we may say that the music of the evening was the best we have listened to at a Masonic meeting.

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LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THERE was an extraordinarily large gathering of the members of this old, and especially of late, increasingly vigorous Lodge, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday evening, to witness the installation of Bro. J. W. Dewsnap as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. A. J. Martin. During the latter's term of office the Lodge enjoyed, as was frequently expressed at the banquet, "a glorious year;" its financial position was materially improved, and placed on a much sounder basis than had been experienced in many preceding years; and in all respects the condition and prospects of the Lodge were subjects of genuine and unanimous congratulation. A satisfied spirit, engendered by these considerations, pervaded the proceedings throughout, and thus the réunion was characterised by unusual and refreshing *éclat*. This is a matter for sincere congratulation to the members of the Joppa Lodge, which is one of the oldest and most reputed in the metropolis, and the senior of the five so-called Jewish Lodges in London. Soon after four o'clock the retiring Worshipful Master assumed the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. W. Dewsnap S.W. and W.M. elect, L. Wall J.W.; P.M.'s L. Alexander, A. G. Dodson D.C., L. M. Myers, M. Spiegel, H. Hymans, and O. Roberts, J. S. Lyon P.M. Treasurer, Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary, G. M. Lion S.D., Isaac Botibol J.D., L. Davis I.G., M. Lenzberg and M. Hart Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Organist, R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler; Bros. G. Van Volen, A. Jonas, W. Thomas, G. Harrison, H. Saqui, E. J. Coombe, L. France, J. Wynman, L. Kool, A. Botibol, S. Botibol, S. J. Roco, M. Lack, M. Frank, P. Isaacs, F. Isaacson, Isaac Israel, J. Abraham, J. Myers, G. Haines, W. J. Gardner, W. Murley, A. Wagstaff, H. Davis, F. Greenwall, J. Davis, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, B. Lyons P.M. 1227, O. S. Jacobs P.M. 1327, H. Massey P.M. 619, J. Phillips P.M. 188, W. Valentine W.M. 1017, S. Pardoe W.M. 1587, H. W. Casperd W.M. 1668, E. H. Norden W.M. 205, A. Elverton 1155, O. Schnieder 151, F. Eastwood 1237, A. Benabo 212, W. Joel Peace and Harmony, P. Moore 1917, J. Butterworth 1608, M. Ivey 1101, G. Taff 917, J. Davis 1604, A. P. Levy 212, B. Loebe 185, D. S. Woolf 72, J. Seigenberg, and H. W. Myers 1017, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the usual preliminaries observed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Henry Lazarus, who had been proposed by his father, the worthy P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge, and seconded by Brother M. Lenzberg: for Mr. Michael Siegenberg, proposed by Bro. M. Lenzberg, seconded by Bro. A. Botibol; and for Mr. Barnett Isaacs Barnato, whose sponsors were Bros. L. Myers P.M. and Isaac Myers. In each case the voting was unanimous, and by permission of the Worshipful Master, on account of Mr. Lazarus jun. being one of the candidates, the ceremony of initiation was performed by the Secretary of the Lodge, whose working was much admired. The Worshipful Master then resumed the chair, and the Lodge having been advanced to the second degree, Bro. Saqui was passed, this ceremony being also carried out in a manner which fully sustained the prestige won by Bro. Martin throughout his tenure of office. The report of the Audit Committee, and that of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, both of which showed that the Lodge and its accessories were in a healthy financial position, were received and adopted. Bro. Dewsnap was then presented for the benefit of installation, and having assented to the usual interrogatories accepting the responsibilities of office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Dewsnap was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. A. J. Martin I.P.M., L. Wall S.W., G. Lyon J.W., S. Roco Chaplain, J. S. Lyon P.M. Treas., Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Isaac Botibol S.D., W. Gardner J.D., M. Lenzberg I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D. of C., M. Hart Assist D. of C., H. Von Stavern and E. Coombe Stewards, and R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler. The ancient charges were delivered impressively by Bro. Martin I.P.M., who acquitted himself in masterly manner throughout the whole ceremony of installing his successor. Some routine business having been transacted, Lodge was closed amidst hearty good wishes, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where an excellent repast was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers having been honoured, Bro. Martin I.P.M. rose and said the brethren would be perfectly well aware why he was entrusted with the gavel. That was an instrument which he had relinquished that evening with regret, inasmuch as during the time he held it he had experienced much satisfaction whilst presiding over the deliberations of the Lodge. Nevertheless, it was very pleasant for him to resume it temporarily whilst he proposed the health of their highly esteemed friend the Worshipful Master. Of course, that night it would be superfluous to speak of Bro. Dewsnap's excellent qualities as a working W.M.; of that they would be able to judge at the next meeting of the Lodge. It was only necessary now to know and to acknowledge that he was their Worshipful Master, and sincerely to wish him a happy and successful year of office. The toast was received with a hearty fire, and Bro. Dewsnap, W.M., in responding, offered the brethren his sincere thanks for the kindly manner in which it had been received. He must say it was a source of great gratification to find himself occupying the chair. It was just ten years since he took his third degree in this Lodge, and they would readily sympathise with him when he said he felt deeply sensible of their kindness in permitting him to fill the chair of his mother Lodge. He trusted that during his year of office he should have the assistance of the Past Masters, and the co-operation of the brethren generally, in carrying out his arduous duties. He hoped they would go through the coming year as comfortably as the last had been, for it was an exceedingly satisfactory year, under the presidency of his Immediate Past Master. The Lodge had witnessed its vicissitudes, but now it seemed on the high road to prosperity. He hoped the brethren would bring forward their friends whom they wished to become members of the Lodge, so that they might have a successful year. He subsequently proposed the Initiates, which toast he said was an important one in every Lodge. To-night they had three highly creditable brethren initiated, one of whom was the son of their esteemed Secretary, who would, he was sure, become a worthy member of the Joppa Lodge, as well as a worthy son. From the intelligence the other two brethren had displayed during their initiation, he felt convinced they would also become worthy members amongst them. Of course without initiates no Lodge could be successful, therefore he again asked the brethren to bring forward their friends, and let them be a good and strong Lodge. The toast, having been received with acclamation, Bro. H. Lazarus assured the brethren it had afforded him very great pleasure to have gone through the ceremony of initiation, and he felt very proud to be amongst this noble gathering. It had long been his ambition to become a Mason, having heard the Institution spoken so highly of amongst his numerous friends. He should endeavour to emulate the example of his worthy father, of whom he was very proud, and hoped he should have the pleasure of being amongst them for many years to come. He should try and follow in the footsteps of his father, and to make himself worthy of the cordial reception they had extended to him that evening. Bro. M. Seigenberg also sincerely thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. Though it had been his ambition for many years to become a Mason, he never knew its grandeur until he came amongst them. He should ever keep the obligation he had taken, and considered the man who failed to do so was not worthy of living amongst them. Bro. B. J. Barnato could hardly express what he felt on this occasion. Even had he been prepared to make a speech the solemnity of the ceremony he had witnessed had so taken him by surprise that he should be scarcely equal to it. He thanked them for their confidence in making him a member of this ancient and honourable institution, his initiation into which he should remember as long as he lived. The W.M. then said he had a toast to propose which he was sure would meet with a hearty reception at their hands,—the Joppa Benevolent Fund. That was a fund they had amongst themselves, but members of the Joppa Lodge subscribed to it, and they did not accept even visitors' subscriptions. This fund was for themselves, and he prayed God none of their lots would be to need it; but when a brother fell in distress of any kind, he could come before the Benevolent Fund and obtain relief. One of the beauties of this Fund was, that even their next door neighbour did not know of its existence. If any one fell into arrears he might come to this Fund and explain his circumstances and get relief, and even those who subscribed to it did not know. That was genuine benevolence and relief. Bro. Alexander P.M., who was called upon, as a vice-president of the Fund, to reply, said he felt a great amount of pleasure in being with them to-night, this being the first time, with perhaps one or two exceptions, his health had permitted him to join in the assemblies of the Lodge. There might be some amongst them who were not aware of the vast amount of good that had been done through this Benevolent Fund, but if there was anything more pleasing than another he had to communicate it was that in reality they had increased this Fund, which they had not done for many years previously. It was about £16 more than it was last year. Fortunately they had had only one applicant. He had no need to tell them that the vice-president and committee were very careful as to the manner in which they dispensed the money; at the same time they were generous in their doles when circumstances warranted. Whilst they observed both these particulars, he was sure the brethren felt confidence in those who were the managers and custodians of the Fund. He then congratulated the Lodge upon the acquisition of so many new members, some of whom he did not know, after so long an absence, and hoped the Fund might prove a source of increased benefit and usefulness. Bro. L. Lazarus P.M., as Secretary of the Fund, had pleasure in announcing that two of the initiates, Bros. H. Lazarus and M. Seigenberg, had each contributed a guinea to the Fund, and the third, Bro. B. L. Barnato, had made himself a vice-president by subscribing five guineas. The total amount collected that evening was £28 5s 6d, a result which was hailed with loud applause. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, showed that Bro. Martin had had a most glorious year. He ascended the throne with *éclat*, and had gone out of office with the same. Besides the work he had done in the Lodge during his year, he had installed him (the speaker) and was thus deserving of a special toast. Bro. Martin, at the commencement of his year, told them what he wanted,—their hearty co-operation, and they had accorded it to him. He now left the Lodge in a more prosperous position than when he was elected as its president; better than it had been for many years. They had now a balance of about £40 in hand, and while he praised their I.P.M. for that, they must not let it rest there; he hoped by this time next year they would have a surplus of at least £50. Bro. Martin was a good man and Mason, and he was sure the toast of his health would be heartily received. It was the custom of this Lodge to reward the outgoing Master with a small memento of his year, and he had great pleasure in placing upon Bro. Martin's breast a jewel, second to none that had been presented to any P.M. of this Lodge. He trusted it would remind their I.P.M. of his very successful year of office. He had also the pleasure of presenting him, on behalf of the Officers and brethren of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s collar, which though somewhat an innovation, it was an honour which Bro. Martin richly merited. Bro. Martin I.P.M. in returning thanks for the gifts, said he looked upon them with peculiar pleasure, for they assured him that had he not won their confidence, and performed his part to their satisfaction, he should not have been rewarded in the manner in which they had thought fit to reward him that evening. It was said "the labourer is worthy of his hire," and they knew that in ancient times a labourer thought himself well paid at the rate of a penny per day. He should have thought himself well repaid if they had given him an ordinary jewel of five guineas, voted by the Lodge for that object. Many of the members were not aware it was the custom of the Lodge to give

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anything at all; but if a man was worthy, a jewel was sometimes given to him. By their gifts to-night he felt he had not only won their confidence, but they had ratified that confidence by presenting him with such an honour as that which he now wore upon his breast. At the outset of his career he asked the brethren to pay attention to him while he was in the chair, not to respect him as a humble individual, but because he was the representative of the Lodge. He could safely say that during the whole of his year of office order and decorum had prevailed in the Lodge. Many critical visitors had come amongst them, who said how much the Lodge of Joppa had improved in its manners; and he thought they might take credit that they were now the patterns of excellence. Might they always continue to be so. He concluded by thanking them for their kindness in presenting him with a P.M.'s collar. That had only been done two or three times in the Lodge, and he felt as proud of that as he did of the jewel. Having thanked his late Officers for their co-operation as "junior partners," he said he did not believe in talkativeness, but in acts; and he did not think it was merely lip service when they so kindly received the toast of his health. The Worshipful Master next gave the Past Masters, the toast being responded to by Bros. Alexander, Hymans, Spiegel, and Myers, the latter of whom said the P.M.'s were always ready to give whatever assistance was required by the Lodge. He did not think they could have chosen a better man for W.M. than Bro. Dewsnap, for in him they had one who would work well. He had known him for a considerable time, and had seen his working in Arch Masonry, and he was sure he would do credit to his Lodge. He hoped the brethren would all assist their W.M. to the utmost of their power, and make the Lodge this year better if possible than it had ever been before. The health of the Visitors having been well received, Bro. Valentine, W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge, said although his name had been coupled with the toast, it was not due in any measure to merit on his part, but to the fact of his representing one of the five Lodges which were understood as Jewish. He thought the fact of the names of these Lodges being at all times coupled at the installation banquets of the Joppa Lodge with the toast of the Visitors was an additional proof, if indeed any was needed, of that strong Masonic unity and friendship which subsisted amongst them. And in returning thanks for the toast this evening he did so not merely on behalf of himself and the other W.M.'s present, but also on behalf of the Montefiore Lodge, over which he had the honour of presiding. That Lodge had a stronger tie than the others, because he could not overlook the fact that the Joppa Lodge was the mother of the Montefiore. Their first members were of this Lodge; indeed, their first secretary, who was also secretary of this Lodge, their late Bro. Albert, was its first Master, and if any incentive were wanted to his Lodge to continue in the right path, they had it before them in the way in which the Joppa Lodge continued to maintain its prestige in the Craft. If the Montefiore had done so, it only reflected credit upon the Lodge from whence it sprang. Bro. Norden, W.M. of the Israel Lodge, said this was the first time he had had the honour of visiting the Joppa Lodge, and from the hospitable manner in which the Visitors had been received that evening he hoped it might not be the last. He was very pleased to hear such good working in the Lodge, especially from Bro. Past Master Martin, and the able manner in which he discharged his duties as Installing Master. If they had such good working brethren in the Lodge as he was, they would not suffer from want of proper instruction. Bro. Casperd, W.M. of the Sampson Lodge, also suitably replied, as also did Bro. Phillippa, late P.M. of the Joppa. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed, and was responded to by Bros. Lyon and Lazarus; the Officers of the Lodge also severally acknowledged the compliment paid to them, and the list was feelingly closed by the Tyler. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, who was assisted by Miss Maude Viccars, Madame Florence Winn, M. H. Imano, Miss Maude Isaacson, and Bro. Frank Isaacson; Mr. Walter Van Noorden acting as accompanyist. The most exquisite *morceaux* of the evening was a duet for violin (Miss Maude Isaacson) and piano (Mr. Frank Isaacson), — Osborne, and De Beriot's "William Tell," which was played in masterly style, and elicited a rapturous encore. Miss Isaacson has a pure and delicate touch, simply marvellous in a young player of only fifteen years of age, and such was the effect of her manipulation that the audience cheered her vociferously, and for an encore she played, with equal sweetness, "Home, sweet Home;" Madame Winn also came in for hearty rounds of applause, after singing the familiar Scotch ballad "Caller Herrin'," and Roeckel's song, "Number Two," and would have replied to the encores that were demanded but for the Master's prohibition, on the ground of want of time. Altogether a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, where there was a large attendance of the brethren of this and the sister Lodges. Amongst those present were Bros. D. J. Allams P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Grant I.P.M., W. Taylor P.M., B. Knight I.P.M. 1402, H. Marley W.M. 1358, W. E. Warren P.P.G.O., G. Searle W.M. 218, C. Atkins 27, James Oliver P.G.S.B. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, Bro. J. Salter was presented for the benefit of installation, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Harland P.P.G.S.D., whose working was much admired. The newly-installed Master, having been greeted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. J. Grant I.P.M., E. Richards S.W., R. L. Mogford J.W., D. J. Allams P.P.G.C. Chaplain, C. J. Harland P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, R. D. Renwick Secretary, W. Wakeham D.C., T. Brooks Organist, W. A. Hill S.D., T. Beckett J.D., J. R. Cridge and A. W. Searley Stewards, C. Davison I.G., and W. S. Tozer Tyler. At the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of an excellent banquet at Bro. Cridge's, Queen's Hotel, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1981.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Bell Inn, East Moulsey, on the 5th of January, and the day being unexceptionally warm and sunny, was much appreciated by the brethren, the majority of whom hail from the metropolis. A goodly number mustered, among whom were Bros. Kipling W.M., S. P. Catterson P.P.G.S.B. Surrey S.W., Hume J.W., W. Youlden P.P.S.D. Treasurer, J. W. Moorman Secretary, G. Moorman, H. J. Shelley, F. Croaker, Gates, Mills, Knight, Bell, Ellis, Pilgrim, Fleming, Fowler, &c. Among the Visitors were Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, Laurence P.M. 1630 P.P.S.D., Jessop P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Holmes P.M. 548, Shah 1297, Lane 1538 P.G. Steward, Taylor 1638, J. Youlden jun. P.G. Steward. After the opening of the Lodge and confirmation of minutes, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a very favourable position financially, was adopted. Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. Youlden P.M. took the chair, and Bro. S. P. Catterson P.M. being presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—J. Youlden S.W., S. Moorman G. W., W. Moorman Secretary, Croaker S.D., Shelley J.D., F. W. Hallet I.G. These appointments gave great satisfaction to the brethren, the investing of Bro. W. Youlden as Treasurer and J. W. Moorman as Secretary being well received. After the installation Brother S. P. Catterson passed Bro. Holliday to the degree of F.C. Ballots were then taken to initiate Messrs. A. Ollis and R. E. Catterson, the latter being the son of the W.M. These gentlemen were duly initiated into the mystic science in a most impressive manner. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Brother W. Youlden for his able rendering of the installation ceremony. A handsome jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Brother Kipling. The Secretary having read a letter from Brother the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.P.D.G.M., acknowledging in warm and fraternal terms the receipt of a testimonial from the members of this Lodge, a portrait of Brother Arnold was unveiled. This had been painted, by request of the Lodge, by Brother H. E. Frances P.P.G.D., and gave universal satisfaction, being not only an excellently painted picture, but an admirable likeness of the worthy Brother who gave the Lodge a name, and who will ever be remembered by its members for his eminent Masonic abilities, unvarying and unostentatious kindness. The Lodge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which did credit to mine host. The menu—with a plenitude of good things described thereon, and many a quip and appropriate quotation—was the work of the Secretary, and called forth the commendations of the brethren.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Station Hotel, Richmond, when there was a satisfactory attendance, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Brother C. I. Digby, who was supported by Bros. B. E. Blasby I.P.M., W. R. Phillips P.M. S.W., J. R. Houghton J.W., Forster Reynolds P.M. Treasurer, G. C. Rowlands Secretary, E. Dare S.D., J. M. Margason I.G., A. Crew Organist, C. Maton and R. H. Messum Stewards, B. Banks Tyler, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. J. Huntley P.M. 1044, G. W. Swales 312 P.P.G.S.W., J. W. Clarke 1512, H. Dougherty 1907, A. Tucker 1365, H. Lansdown 1541, W. Deavett S D. 889, W. W. Morgan I.P.M 211. The brethren assembled soon after four o'clock, and Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Having advanced to the third degree, Bros. Smith, Keyes, and Robinson were raised, the solemn rites being admirably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the second degree, Brother Macrae, who had been initiated at the preceding meeting, was passed, the working in this degree being also excellent; the lecture on the tracing board was delivered by the respected Senior Warden of the Lodge, Brother W. R. Phillips P.M. Subsequently, on the motion of Bro. Blasby P.M. it was resolved to establish a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge, and a committee was appointed to formulate the basis on which the scheme shall be worked. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed, amidst the heartiest good wishes, and the brethren adjourned for the banquet, which was admirably served by Brother John Munro, the proprietor of the hotel. The menu having been amply and satisfactorily discussed, the loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said that toast was always loyally received, and by none more so than by the Masonic Craft. As loyal men they were always anxious for the welfare of Her Majesty, and in associating her name with this toast it afforded them an opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the deep interest the Queen displayed in all matters connected with Freemasonry. He then gave H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, a toast which, like the last, was always well received in Masonic Lodges. Since His Royal Highness's accession to office as Most Worshipful Grand Master there had been a great incentive to join Freemasonry, and he hoped their M.W.G.M. might be spared for many years to take part in the proceedings of the Craft. The health of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers Present and Past was then given, the toast being received with enthusiasm. With it was associated the names of Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Swales P.P.G.S.W. North and East Yorkshire. Brother Sir John W. Ellis responding, in a humorous speech, said when the time came for him to respond for the Grand Officers he always felt his shortcomings inasmuch as his many other engagements prevented him from attending so closely to the duties of Freemasonry as he could desire. However, if he was not so active in Grand Lodge as elsewhere, he was certain there were plenty of able men there willing to do everything in their power to administer

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well and wisely the affairs of the Craft. It was a happy omen for this country that men of all shades of political thought were prepared to sink minor points of detail under the banner of Freemasonry, and thus they were prepared well to look after the safety of the realm. He then related an amusing anecdote of the meeting of a then Lord Chancellor of England with a Lord Mayor of London, the latter of whom considered he was the better man; at any rate the office of civic magistrate of the chief city of the world, which he (the speaker) had lately occupied, was one of great honour and dignity. He then described his recent visit to Ireland, where he witnessed the laying of a foundation stone, with Masonic honours, and promised to present a photograph of the event to the Richmond Lodge. On that occasion a Rev. Mr. O'Hara referred to the antiquity of the Brotherhood; in doing which he said he did not know whether or no Masonry was of Christian origin, but at any rate it inculcated the Christian virtues, and no better motive could be brought into play than to promulgate the principles of Christian virtue, honour and sympathy that were taught by the Brotherhood of Masonry to its children. Brother Swales also responded, in suitable terms. Brother B. E. Blasby I.P.M. then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, of whom he said his heart and soul was in the work which devolved upon him, and so far as the present year was concerned, everything had gone on smoothly and prosperously. Brother Digby was an able and excellent Master, fully alive to the interests of the Lodge, and they all wished for him a very happy and successful year of office. Brother Phillips then sang, in excellent voice, the song "Sunny hours may come again." The Worshipful Master in returning thanks for the compliment paid him said it afforded him great relief to be assured that his humble efforts in the chair had so far merited their approval. His year was now drawing to its close, and he could only hope, when the end did arrive, the members would not regret having placed him in his present honourable position. He then gave the health of the I.P.M., speaking of the valuable assistance he had received from Bro. Blasby in the performance of his duties as ruler of the Lodge. Bro. Blasby was the Father of the Richmond Lodge, in whose behalf he had faithfully and zealously laboured. Indeed, to him the success of the Lodge was essentially due. Brother Blasby I.P.M. then suitably acknowledged the toast, and was followed by Brother Abell, who sang in admirable style, "Flow on, thou regal purple stream." The W.M. next gave the Initiate, the toast being received with characteristic *éclat*, and Brother Macrae, in responding, thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, adding that the farther he advanced in Masonry the more he was impressed with the grandeur and sublimity of its teachings and ceremonies. Bros. Swales, Morgan, &c. responded on behalf of the Visitors, and other toasts followed, interspersed with music and singing. A very pleasant evening being thus enjoyed.

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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Night and Day. By Dr. Barnardo. London: 48 Paternoster Row, E.C.

It would be superfluous to remind the readers of this or any other English journal of the philanthropic efforts which have been for many years put forth by Dr. Barnardo, especially for the benefit of helpless and destitute children; and it is a task in which we, as Masons, might well assist in the carrying out of our principles of true charity and benevolence. This monthly record of Christian missions and practical philanthropy should be widely disseminated, as doubtless it is, amongst those who have a feeling of sympathy towards the unfortunate little waifs and strays who must inevitably drift into the pathways of poverty and crime but for some such rescuing scheme as that which Dr. Barnado, and other philanthropists, have set on foot, and for the support they appeal for help. In this month's number of "Night and Day" there is a deeply interesting and pathetic story on "A Little Street Heroine," with a description of the industries to which the Doctor's "family" at Stepney are being trained, together with sketches of those engaged at the "Homes," with personal notes respecting a large number of the children who have been rescued from the streets and from miserable hovels in our slums, which to call home would be a misnomer and a mockery. The little work is brimful of interesting narrative and record of benevolent work which cannot fail to be of stimulating influence to every class of readers into whose hands it may fall.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 9th January 1886:—

Monday—Joppa Lodge, Old Kings Arms Chapter, Robert Burns Lodge. Tuesday—Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Royal Naval Ball. Thursday—Crichton Lodge Ball, Lodge La Tolerance, Universal Chapter, Hackney Race Collectors. Friday—London Morayshire Club Ball, Bedford Lodge, Britannic Lodge, Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Lodge of King Solomon, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

The installation of W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012 will be performed by Bro. Geo. Everett, on the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Bro. G. Gardner is the W.M. elect.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—After a most successful tour in America and the English provinces Miss Minnie Palmer made her reappearance here last week in the variety comedy, "My Sweetheart." This, since last we saw it in London, has been considerably revised, with a view of making the plot more compact. The doctor, originally an old man, has been transformed into a young one, who, loving Tina (Miss Palmer) without any response from her, devotes himself to promoting her happiness. On discovering that Mrs. Fleeter, the adventuress, already possesses a husband, and the consequent blow to Tony, the latter goes to Europe, whence he has not returned at the date of the last act, when all but Tina have lost faith in him. A comic negro servant has been introduced, but this part would be better if it were "cut" a little. However, the play in this respect takes but a secondary place, the chief attraction being Miss Minnie Palmer. The moment she comes upon the stage the spirits of the audience seem to rise, and she carries them along as though she were impelled by elfin spells. Miss Palmer, who is more refined in her style than formerly, possesses a sense of fun that is rarely seen, while her singing and dancing appear to have improved. Her droll antics and comic facial play are as irresistible as ever, and it is impossible to say what next she will undertake. One of the principal attractions of her performance is the graceful way in which she dances a shadow dance, in the last act, this being nightly encored. She is ably supported by a well trained company. The character of Tony, represented by Mr. Charles Arnold, is even more artistic from a histrionic point of view; his impersonation presents a consistent piece of acting, which is natural and refined in expression. He has also a good voice, which he uses most successfully in his song in the last act. The part of the "broken down sport" is again undertaken by Mr. T. J. Hawkins, and he also comes out with flying colours. Mr. R. A. Roberts is in earnest as the Doctor; while Mr. G. E. Poulett is good as Farmer Hatzell. The part of Dudley Harcourt is capitally acted by Mr. L. D'Orsey; and Mr. Willie Freear makes a good negro. Of the ladies, Miss Annie Baldwin, as Miss Fleeter, after Miss Palmer, takes first place. This lady would, however, score better if she were not quite so stagey. Miss Jane Grey is humorous as Mrs. Hatzell. We consider Miss Minnie Palmer ought to fill the house for some time to come with "My Sweetheart," although the piece is now in its fourth year.

The third performance given by the Dramatic Students will take place at the Court Theatre, kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. Clayton and Cecil, on Tuesday, 19th January 1886. John Dryden's comedy, "Secret Love; or, the Maiden Queen," will be represented on this occasion. We may state that the objects of this Society, which was formed in February last, are to give further opportunities of practice to the junior members of the theatrical profession, and to promote the study of dramatic literature, by the production of the best plays in the English language, especially those little known to the stage.

AMUSEMENTS.

PRINCESS'S.—At 8, HOODMAN BLIND.
HAYMARKET.—At 8, NADJEZDA.
LYCEUM.—At 7.45, FAUST.
PRINCE'S.—At 8, ANDY BLAKE. At 9, THE GREAT PINK PEARL.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, IMPULSE.
AVENUE.—At 8, KENILWORTH.
CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 9, THE CANDIDATE.
SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.30, THE SHAUGHRAUN.
HENGLER'S GRAND CIRQUE.—Every evening at 7.30; Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 2.30 and 7.30.
ST. GEORGE'S HALL.—Mr. and Mrs. GERMAN REED'S entertainment, every evening at 8.
MOHAWK MINSTRELS, Royal Agricultural Hall.—Every evening at 8.
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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 11th day of January 1886, 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 48 candidates, from which 20 boys—or, should the notice of motion for the increase be adopted—30 boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 12th April next.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By W. Bro. JOYCE MURRAY, V.-Pat., on behalf of the House Committee:—

1. To amend Law 74, Clause 2, that it may read as follows: "The assistant masters shall be appointed by the head master, subject to confirmation by the House Committee."
2. To insert in Law 75 the words: "House Steward," and after the first word "The."
3. That ten additional boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, on the 12th April next, making the total number 240.

By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART (P.G.D.) V.P. and Trustee:—

4. To form part of Law 37—That the members of the House Committee shall be elected for three years, and that at the expiration of the first three years the election shall take place annually. The three at the top of the list shall then retire, and be eligible for re-election, and so annually.

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

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

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
2nd January 1886.

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

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"SAILORS' yarns" are invarisbly full of interest, especially when they are told by an educated and intelligent man, who has not imbibed a proclivity for high falutin' whilst sailing o'er the watery main. Some, we know, are given to occasional glimpses of the "great sea-serpent," while "phantom ships" afloat are as prolific as the "big gooseberry" is on shore in the silly season. But, providing you are in conversation with a *bonâ fide* seafarer whom you have long known, and whose veracity is unimpeachable, you can listen to his stories of adventure without the slightest inclination to shrug the shoulder dubiously. I have a case in point which, being of Masonic interest, you may think is deserving of a place in your columns. We have often heard the testimony of travellers in various parts of the world as to "Masons whom they have met," and of the hearty fraternal sympathy and brotherly love which is engendered on both sides when English Masons meet with brethren on a foreign shore; but for peculiarity of incident, and showing the remote quarters of the globe into which the principles of our Order have penetrated, I have seldom heard a narrative more strikingly illustrative than that which was related to me a few evenings ago. Accidentally meeting my old friend, Captain Wilkinson, who had not long since returned from a lengthened voyage, it was only natural, especially at this time of the year, that we should exchange the "compliments of the season;" and as we sat by the parlour fire, smoking our calumets of peace—by-the-bye, the tobacco was very fine, not smuggled you must know, still not "duty paid"—the conversation veered round upon the Captain's last voyage, and the incidents it presented. As a land-lubber, I am not much versed in nautical parlance, consequently I cannot reproduce the many quaint expressions which my jovial and genial brother used, in natural seafaring habit, to garnish his recital. After some general conversation on the position and prospects of the shipping interest, which he described as more than ordinarily dull, I ventured to ask him whether, as a Mason, he had discovered anything in the East, whence he had just returned. "Ah! my friend," he explained, "Freemasonry extends very much further into remote and comparatively unknown regions than many of the brethren appear to imagine, and an instance of this came under my own personal observation."

"Let us have it, then, by all means," I rejoined, catching the interest, "for we are all glad to obtain an addition to our store of Masonic knowledge."

"Well," he continued, "as you know, last year I was in command of the steamer *Presidz*, belonging to Messrs. E. J. Hough and Co., of Bishopsgate-street, London, who, I may add, have formed a company called the Tunisian

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Esparto Company—Esparto being a grass that is largely used in paper making and other manufactures." I assented to that knowledge, being somewhat "in the trade," and replied that I recollected the captain's departure for his voyage perfectly well. "The business in Tunis and Tripoli," he went on, "is buying grass from the native Arabs and shipping it to this country. I left the Tyne early last January, bound to Genoa, and on my arrival there I received instructions to sail to Tripoli, there to load part cargo of Esparto, and thence to proceed to Surkinis Bay, to complete cargo. "My instructions," laughed the narrator, "were short, sharp, and decisive, though somewhat vague. They were briefly in these words: 'One white house, with a lot of moveable Arab tents and camels;' but I must first go to the ancient town of Sphax. As you will see by the chart, Sphax lies to the eastward of Morocco and Algiers, and to the northward of Tunis, on the coast of Africa; and it was left to me to cruise along the coast until I espy the 'one white house, and the lot of moveable Arab tents and camels.' However, the task was accomplished without difficulty, and surely enough the white house, which is a landmark on the coast, came into view."

After replenishing our pipes, our worthy brother gave a minute description of this town of Sphax, which he spoke of as the most ancient he had ever seen in the Arab quarter, and well worthy of a visit. I replied that it was most unlikely I should ever have that privilege, unless, indeed, he should be going over for another cargo of Esparto and would invite me to accompany him, which he smilingly assured me he would do. He described the native streets as all being roofed over, so as to protect the passers along it from the sun and rain, and gave an interesting account, which I will not prolong here, of the manner in which the streets are sub-divided for the purposes of trade—some of them being devoted to the sale of cotton, others to meat, tin ware, provisions, &c. The Arabs were to be seen reclining at the entrances to their "shops," quietly smoking *chibouques*, as they waited for customers to come along; "and," our Brother exclaimed, "a finer race of men I have never seen in my life."

But to return to the story. He proceeded to say, "My agent there was an Italian brother, who sent his Arab servant to show me the town, and gave me a full description of Surkinis—or rather its encampment—where he advised me to make myself known to the sheikh. Now, I need not tell you I cannot speak a single syllable of Arabic; so that I had no means of making myself known until the following incident happened: I towed boats, with a number of Arab labourers, to take on board grass from Sphax to Surkinis Bay, as I was informed that nothing could be had, and no assistance procured, at the latter place. Well, the towing had been going on all right, and everybody very busy, except the captain—that's me, you know." At which remark, I suppose I ought to say in parenthesis, as newspaper reporters do, there was "laughter" mutually, for our Brother is by no means a drone at anything he undertakes. "The latter individual," continued my friend, "betook himself up for a stroll inland, being told by the only two whites on the settlement that I had nothing to fear from the natives, adding the precaution, however, that I must "beware of the dogs," which were very numerous, and of a vicious, wolfish breed, having a strong affinity for white men's calves, even though though they were only of "'salt junk'" (more laughter, of course).

I ventured to suggest as to the hazardous nature of a journey into the country at a time when the Arabs were in bitter hostility to the English, and stories of the Soudan campaign might have already reached that region, as no doubt they had done; but the captain shook his head, and said he had been assured to the contrary, and the only remark he added was that, being mounted on a very young horse, he "did not fear the dogs." He continued, "I started at daybreak for the hills, following the camel's track, and arrived about noon, when the Arabs were gathering the grass and loading the camels and donkeys for the next day's journey to the encampment. I was tired after six hours in the saddle"—fancy a robust, jolly looking captain of a vessel outside a young horse for six hours at a stretch!—"and after dinner at two p.m., I crossed the hills to another grass place. At five p.m. I started on my return journey towards the encampment at Surkinis Bay. I had my compass and knew the course to steer; but unfortunately night came on rapidly, and no stars being visible, I got off the track and lost my way. I found this out by striking a match, and setting my compass. Had I been wiser, I should have had an older horse, as I was informed before I started that the "old 'uns will find their way home on the darkest night, as old farmers' hacks do in this country from market, be the night ever so dark and their masters ever so tipsy."

"However did you manage in this predicament?" I was prompted to ask. "Well, I led the horse up the hill and lit my pipe, saw my revolver all right, and prepared for a bad night on the ground. Everything seemed as still as death; but at ten o'clock I saw a light in the valley, and just then a few stars came out; so I set my compass once more, and steered for the spot on which the lights were glimmering. These revealed to me a lot of camels and drivers returning to the mountains for grass, and they seemed alarmed to see a lone fellow there upon the dreary wastes on horseback. After a while, however, the sheikh approached, but as I could not speak Arabic, nor he, I imagined, English, the thought flashed across my mind to pass him a Masonic sign—the sign of sorrow. To my astonishment and intense relief, the sign was recognised and returned, and in a moment more we had exchanged the grip with all the heartiness of true 'Hail! fellow, well met.' He at once ordered me chabouk and coffee, after which he despatched an Arab with me back to the settlement, much to the surprise of the two whites there, to whom I told the story of my strange adventure, to which they listened with wondering interest. After this I was treated with the greatest respect and kindness all the time I remained at Sirkinis, and on leaving I was presented with a sheep and some fowls."

"Then you fared better than the unfortunate bishop who we are informed has recently been captured by some half savage tribes in a remote region?" laughed I; to which the Captain jocularly retorted "Perhaps the bishop is not a Mason, and therefore could not make himself known by signs!" I was very much interested and amused at our Brother's description of the emotions which overtook him when he "found himself lost," and his joy at encountering a brother in that "outlandish spot;" and said as a "chiel amang ye, takin' notes," I should "prent it," with the editor's permission, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

After the story was told, our Brother added that the only person there who spoke English was a head stevedore, who had been raised to the third degree in Masonry. "This man, whom I had brought from Sphax, inquired what the English intended to do after conquering the Soudan; but I answered by saying I was not sufficiently advanced in politics to solve such a problem as that. On expressing surprise that the stevedore was a Master Mason, he assured me I need not be, as many sheikhs were Masons, besides other Arabs."

Regarding this as another instance, and a very uncommon one, of the "universality of Masonry," showing that even in the most obscure and remote parts of the habitable globe there are men of all classes ranged under the banner of the Order, I venture to think you will deem it worthy of record in your columns, and that the length of this sketch is in some measure justified by the remarkable character of the information and incidents it contains.

CONSECRATION OF ST. EILIAN MARK LODGE, No. 360.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the Right Worshipful Bro. Captain Hunter Provincial Grand Master consecrated the new Lodge, St. Eilian, No. 360, at the Castle Hotel, Amlwch. The Lodge has been formed by Bro. Owen Thomas as first W.M., and the Wardens are Bro. the Rev. H. Thomas (rural dean) and Bro. the Rev. Henry Lloyd (Amlwch) and the petitioners, with Bro. Owen Thomas, being Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D., and Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith (Holyhead). Bro. Captain Hunter was assisted by Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers, and Bro. George L. Woolley (Llandudno) P.G. Secretary Past Grand Steward of England acted as Installing Master. An address was given by Bro. Captain Hunter to the brethren on Mark Masonry, and the great progress the Mark degree had made in North Wales, and an interesting ceremony followed. The Provincial Grand Chaplains were Bro. the Rev. Hugh Thomas (rural dean) and Brother the Rev. Henry Lloyd. Brother Williams, Organist of Christ Church, Carnarvon, presided at the organ, and conducted the musical arrangements. Colonel Tudor, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire (a Past Grand Warden of North Wales), was present. After the consecration, the brethren adjourned to the Dinorben Hotel, where they dined. Bro. Captain Hunter presided, and was supported on his right by the R.W.P.G.M. of Staffordshire and the W.M. Bro. Owen Thomas, and on his left by the Provincial Grand Chaplains and the rural dean of Llanallian. After a pleasant evening most of the brethren had to leave by the 7.30 train, having to go long distances.

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THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME.

OUT of the London fogs and mist, away from the slushy streets and the bustle and din of City Life, where "beautiful snow" has been trampled by a myriad of footsteps of man and animals into a perfect quagmire of horrible "sludge," and on to the quiet country-side home of the "dear Old People" who are the objects of such tender solicitude to the friends and supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. Down to that sequestered and peaceful spot where age and indigence are relieved and the declining days of our poor brethren and widows are soothed and comforted by the bounty of the Craft, where in summer time the flowers bloom and scent the quiet air, but where at this truly "old-fashioned" Christmas time the trees are shivering with the sheen of frosted crystals and garlands of snow, such as have not been witnessed since the memorable "black Tuesday" of five years ago. Such was the contrast experienced on Wednesday last—Old Christmas Day—by the little knot of friends and well-wishers who started in saloon carriages, specially provided for their accommodation, from Cannon-street, bent on their annual mission of carrying rays of sunshine into the homes and hearts of the poor old people who have been lifted by the benevolence of the Craft from positions of extreme and unavoidable necessity. In spite of the leaden skies, which portended a continuance of the snow-storm of unwonted severity that had fallen upon London, Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution, had the felicity that afternoon of welcoming a goodly muster of the real friends of the establishment, which has proved so great a blessing to its residents, whilst the amiable matron, Miss Norris, had equal pleasure in receiving a large number of ladies who had braved the virulence of the storm and the difficulties of travelling to pay their accustomed "compliments of the season" to the dear old creatures who have found a happy and contented home at Croydon. Amongst those present we noticed Bro. C. J. Perceval (President of the House Committee), Bro. J. Terry jun., Miss Kate S. Terry, Miss Jessie Terry, Mr. A. M. Terry, Bro. W. Raynham Stewart, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Mr. A. P. Bowyer, Bro. T. Cubitt, Bro. H. J. Strong (hon. surgeon to the Institution), Bro. W. J. Crutch, Miss Ada Crutch, Miss Cissy M. Crutch, Bro. C. F. Hogard, Bro. T. Hastings Miller, Bro. R. Griggs, Mr. E. J. Martin, Bro. John Martin, Mrs. and Miss Newton, Bro. H. Massey, Mr. H. W. Massey, Miss A. R. Massey, Bro. H. J. Amphlett, Bro. E. M. Money, Bro. J. T. Briggs, Mr. Vernon, Miss Fanny Vernon, Mrs. Culver, Bro. J. Mason, and many others. In cosy and cheerful contrast with the white waste outside was the interior of the building, well warmed and lighted, and teeming with decorations of holly and mistletoe, the walls being adorned with devices in a hundred designs, and the great hall reverberating with the many voices of the residents who, this day out of the whole three hundred and sixty-five, are made supremely happy. Many willing and loving hands had contributed to the merry-making on this auspicious occasion. The Committee started with a substantial nucleus of £20 towards the fund, while a donation of five pounds was forwarded by the executive of a kindred Institution in East Lancashire. Then the Board of Grand Stewards for 1884-5 came forward with a solid addition to the fund of £13 9s 3d, which enabled the Committee to present each of the residents with a Christmas-box of half-a-sovereign. Many kind friends also testified their interest in the Old People's welfare by presenting gifts in kind, and it need hardly be said that these "creature comforts" were gratefully appreciated by the recipients. Mrs. Edgar Bowyer generously forwarded hampers of fruit; Bro. Edgar Bowyer gave two plump turkeys for the Old Folks' dinner; Bro. T. Hastings Miller added to the store of fat things two prime hams; whilst Bros. C. F. Matier and R. Berridge supplied the means of innocent recreation for many months to come by sending each a dozen packs of playing cards. Then there were big packages of tea for the widows, and of tobacco for the old men, and it was a sight to see the luxurious ease and enjoyment with which the ladies sipped their mild Bohea and the gentlemen puffed their fragrant weed when they had retired from the scene of the general festivities to their snug and comfortable apartments. Is it needful to say that the Christmas dinner was thoroughly enjoyed and "done justice to?" or that the few toasts which followed, beginning with the Queen and the Craft and leading up to a Happy new year, that the residents found a responsive echo in each and every breast? The dinner was an unparalleled success, and enjoyment was paramount, the House Committee and visitors exerting their utmost endeavours to render the happiness of their guests complete. After dinner came the "seasonable" visits of friends to the cosy quarters of the residents, all of which were suitably adorned with emblems of Yuletide, while on many a mantel-shelf appeared pretty cards of remembrance and good wishes, both for Christmas and the New Year. Later in the afternoon the House Committee and their invited friends sat down to a substantial dinner, under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Perceval, after which several speeches relating to the Institution were delivered. Bro. W. Raynham Stewart led off, by proposing the health of the Chairman, who had done good suit and service for the prosperity of this Institution. Bro. Perceval was proverbial for his kindness to the poor; he felt for the wants of others, and they were all delighted that he had sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to fill the position he so worthily occupied that day. Bro. Perceval, after suitably acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, said, as the Almighty had been pleased to restore him once more to health, he hoped it would be for renewed exertions on behalf of this grand Institution, and all the Institutions in connection with Freemasonry. As they loved and admired Freemasonry, so should they follow its precepts in whatever station of life they might be placed. He then proposed the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Institution—and observed that they would all have been glad to see by returns published in the Masonic papers the handsome sums which had been subscribed to the Institutions during the past year, and to know that one stood at the top of the tree. Each Institution had its own separate behests; but the Benevolent Institution had claims more particularly demanding their care than the others, for this reason—that once they got the Old People on their list of annuitants they seemed to live for ever. He hoped in the future, as in the past, this Institution would be known as the one the most prominent of the three. In the other Institutions the educational requirements were continually passing away, whereas the Old People passed away very slowly, for they were taken for their lifetime. He associated with the toast the name of their worthy and esteemed Secretary, Bro. James Terry, to whom he paid a high and deserved tribute for his splendid exertions in behalf of the Institution. Bro. Terry, in a speech which we deem of sufficient importance to the Craft to give *in extenso* in our leading columns, responded; and after that came the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Hogard, Hastings Miller, and John Newton. Bro. Hogard, in responding, said he was very pleased to have witnessed the entertainment to the Old People, in whom they felt so deep an interest. Some of those present were connected with the Institution officially, as Auditors of accounts, and they had heard with much regret the remarks of Bro. Terry concerning the future of the Institution. They could only hope, as was the case last year, that his prophecies would not be fulfilled. Still they must look the facts broadly in the face. Times had not looked well during the past twelve months; therefore they must not be surprised if results did not quite come up to their expectations. It had afforded him intense pleasure to see the old people enjoying the entertainment which Bro. Terry had kindly provided for them, and he hoped as these gatherings took place year by year they might be able to enhance the benefits of the Institution, and maintain it as the premier Institution of the Craft. Bro. T. Hastings Miller said it afforded him a vast amount of pleasure to be present on this occasion, and he looked forward with much gratification to the recurrence of that happy day, which the old people so much enjoyed. It was most refreshing to see the happiness depicted on every countenance, and he hoped to see it for many years to come. Bro. John Newton also responded. He recollected the second entertainment of this kind ever given to the inmates, and since then he had been a constant visitor and helper on such occasions. He re-echoed what Bro. Miller had said, it did their hearts good to see the happy enjoyment of the old people. He looked forward to these gatherings with a vast amount of pleasure, as a means of doing good to their fellow creatures. He dearly loved the Institution, and worked as hard as he could for it; and he hoped this would not be the last time he should be a guest of the House Committee. The President then proposed the health of Bro. Terry's staff, and said they all knew that during their Secretary's recent illness how admirably the Institution had been carried on. Bro. Mason was a most energetic, hard-working, useful man, and from his perseverance and energy he had largely augmented the annual subscriptions towards the funds. Bro. Mason, in response, said certainly there was one lesson he had learnt, and that was "when time is short, do what you have to do speedily." Since he had been connected with the Institution he had done his best for it, and he intended to do so, as long as he enjoyed the confidence of the Committee. He believed these gatherings did a great deal of good, at any rate they brought some of them closer to each other than they were at any other time of the year, and it was most cheering to see the gladdened faces of the old people. He believed their hearts beat for the time when Old Christmas day came round. When he arrived to-day an old resident said to him, "Ah! I was afraid the snow would stop you coming." It showed how anxious they were; and every time the old men took a whiff at their pipes, or the old ladies brewed their tea, their blessings went up upon the donors of the gifts. He feared there was much truth in the statement made by Bro. Terry as to the prospects of the Institution. This year started with 60 or 70 Stewards less than last year; and if they put it at £50 each, there was a loss of between £3,000 and £4,000. He could not see how it was possible to reach anything like the amount of last year, unless, by means of the Press, a mighty effort be aroused amongst the Craft. Bro. Terry had made superhuman efforts, but he could not be in two places at once. The Press got to the hands of those whom the staff could not reach, and he hoped when the brethren knew the necessities of the case, they would come forward and show that where the need was the supply should not be deficient. Bro. J. Terry jun. also responded. Mr. T. Hastings Miller then gave the House Committee, for whom Bro. Raynham Stewart replied, and the company then joined the ladies at tea, under the superintendence of Miss Norris and her assistants. Later on the residents were again assembled in the hall to witness an entertainment given by Lieut. Cole, the famous ventriloquist, and Mr. Harry Lancy, whose recitals were much enjoyed. The entertainment was most successful, and the inmates expressed their grateful appreciation of it as they bade good bye to the visitors on their leaving for the homeward journey to town.

The first Annual Ball of the Chiswick Lodge, 2012, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 29th instant, when, under the direction of an efficient board of Stewards, a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated. We are convinced that Bro. Brill, the proprietor of the Star and Garter, will do his share towards deserving success, and with the resources at his command that will go far towards securing this desirable result. The price of a double ticket (to admit lady and gentleman, or two ladies) is £1 1s; of single tickets, for gentlemen 12s 6d; and for ladies 10s 6d. These will include light refreshments during the evening and supper during the interval. They may be obtained from the Stewards, Treasurer and Secretary of the Ball. In order to promote comfort the number of tickets is strictly limited, and early application for same is requested.

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WELL PREPARED FOR GREAT WORK.

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reason why this Order has lived and wrought and taught? It would indeed not be the only instance in the world's history in which there has quietly and unostentatiously grown, in the great laboratory of human events, the antidote to great evils. It is little to say that Masons, as such, are with the principles of William the Silent of Orange and George Washington, rather than those of Philip the Second of Spain and George the Third of England. In the day of these men, and in the events of their time, was illustrated the fact that the side of right, though apparently the weaker, may triumph over the side of wrong through some mysterious providence which baffles and defeats the most consummate and adroit statesmanship, and the most skilful, heroic and patient generalship of the powers of despotism. Oh, humanity! Could ye but know the glorious deeds that have been, silently and unknown, wrought for you in the world's upward and onward progress throughout centuries!

But it is evident that there is much work to be done for humanity, without waiting for any great crisis in human affairs. A hasty glance over the world reveals a sad condition, notwithstanding our very just boasts of great progress and high civilisation, and the glorious triumphs of the Cross.

Let us face the truth. The great majority of mankind are yet but political slaves! Gigantic standing armies are eating out the substance of nations. Great fleets of iron-clad men-of-war prowl over the high seas, and vast fortresses frown along the borders of all lands. War still devours whole kingdoms at a meal. Intemperance in every land sinks its hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and fills the land with widows and orphans and beggary, and stocks the earth with drunkards' graves. On the one hand great organisations of anarchists parade the streets of the large cities of this, the freest land under the sun, proclaiming doctrines subversive of all property rights, of social order, and of civil government itself. On the other hand, great monopolies and moneyed corporations, soulless, grasping and insolent, are absorbing the earnings and property of myriads of people. And it is possible for an individual, who never contributed a dollar to the real wealth of the country, or did aught for the nation, for science or humanity, to amass a fortune of many millions in a single lifetime.

Crime still pours its ceaseless stream through all the earth, and gloomy prisons rear themselves on every hand, and ignorance and superstition and bigotry still exist; while the gaunt victims of disease, misery, and destitution are marching in a procession of millions to untimely graves! All these things teach us that the world's night has not yet passed away, and though the dawn has begun to break, there is much to be done before the full morning cometh. And in the work of lifting these evils from our race, our share, not as an Order, indeed, but as men who are Masons, with the teachings of Masonry in our hearts, is a very large one. And how shall we be prepared to do our part? By making the teachings of Masonry what they were intended to be—practical. Not with new methods, but by a recurrence and strict adherence to the principles and methods already taught us. For if there be such a thing as a new or modern Masonry, with new principles, as distinguished from an older system, the old Masonry is the better. And we need no noise, no proclamations, no great announcements, for such things are inimical and strange to Masons, for the dominion of the principles of Masonry, like those of a higher and holier kingdom, "Cometh not with observation."

Faithful to our great trust and work in the onward progress of the world, then as humanity in the past has been blessed by our labours, so shall the generations to come, everywhere, rejoice in the beneficence of Freemasonry.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These remedies are unequalled throughout the world for bad legs, wounds, foul sores, bad breasts, and ulcers. Used according to directions given with them there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Many poor sufferers who have been patients in the large hospitals under the care of eminent surgeons, and have derived little or no benefit from their treatment, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills. For glandular swellings, tumours, "piles," and diseases of the skin there is nothing that can be used with so much benefit. In fact, in the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these medicines, used conjointly, are irresistible.

The first meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the year 1886 took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Brother Joyce Murray Chairman. Among others present were Bros. J. L. Mather, S. Hastings Miller, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Paas, Edgar Bowyer, H. W. Hunt, J. Moon, W. Maple, S. Richardson, Dr. Morris (Head Master), F. Adlard, L. Ruf, H. Hinton, A. Durrant, A. E. Gladwell, S. H. Parkhouse, T. Griffith, A. Williams, G. P. Gillard, E. Valeriani, C. Belton, W. A. Scurrah, C. H. Webb, F. Richardson, G. Mickley, E. F. Storr, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, those of the House Committee were read for information. Petitions from nine candidates were considered and accepted, and the names placed on the list for election in April. Two applications for grants towards outfit were entertained, £5 being voted in each case. The Committee resolved on recommending for adoption by the Quarterly Court on Monday, the 11th inst., a list of 48 candidates, the vacancies to be filled being 20, or, in the event of the motion hereafter stated being carried, 30. The following motions were given for the Quarterly Court on Monday:—

By Bro. Joyce Murray, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:—

(1) To amend Law 74, clause 2, that it may read as follows:—"The Assistant Masters shall be appointed by the Head Master, subject to confirmation by the House Committee."

(2) To insert in Law 75, the words "House Steward," and after the first word "The."

(3) "That 10 additional boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court on 12th April next, making the total number 210."

By Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., Vice-Patron and Trustee:—To form part of Law 37—

"That the members of the House Committee shall be elected for three years, and that at the expiration of the first three years the election shall take place annually. The three at the top of the list shall then retire and be eligible for re-election, and so on annually."

The usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding closed the proceedings.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. VINCENT, P.M. 1076 and 1861.

BROTHER Thomas Vincent, P.M. 1076 and 1876, P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, at a special vestry of the parish of St. Margaret's, New Fish-street, City, was presented, on Wednesday, 30th ult., with an illuminated testimonial, beautifully framed, in recognition of his long and able services as churchwarden. The presentation was made by Stuart Knill, Esq., the Alderman of the Ward of Bridge, in which Ward the parish in question is situated. The Alderman spoke of the many years he had known Bro. Vincent, and of the integrity and zeal with which he had carried out the duties of any position he undertook. He honoured the friendship of such a man, and hoped that Bro. Vincent might be spared many years amongst them. His face was so well known in the Ward that when the time came for his removal it would leave a blank not easily filled, while his name would always remain on the page of history in connection with the Ward. The rector of the parish (the Rev. A. J. McCaul) said he would take the opportunity of testifying to the valuable services rendered by Mr. Vincent for so many years. He had managed the whole finance of the parish, was treasurer of their schools, and he had heard of many acts of kindness rendered by him towards the poor. On his part he thanked Mr. Vincent most heartily for his uniform courtesy and kindness; he hoped he might be spared for very many years, and that he should always be honoured with his friendship. Bro. Vincent replied in a few well chosen phrases. He was much flattered by the kind words spoken of him by their worthy Alderman, and also by their esteemed Rector; he should highly value the testimonial of his fellow parishioners; it would remind him of many happy days he had spent amongst them; and when it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove him to another sphere, he trusted that his children would look upon this testimonial in honour of his memory.

The ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed at Bro. Gilbert's, the Windsor Castle, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday (this day), 9th January, by Bro. E. Ayling P.M., Preceptor of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, Bro. G. Gardner W.M. elect in the chair. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C., and 7 Herne Villas, Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.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, 9th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Eccleston, 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.
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 11th 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)
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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, 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).
1633—Kings and, 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (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
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Branswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
557—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

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—Tyntc, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 895—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Radford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lemenlane-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)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Jopps, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
188—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
754—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Chilton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
869—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Tyrwhitt-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
881—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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.)
1340—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
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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
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
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 286—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. 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, Shoreditch
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, 13th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (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, Lemenlane-street, at 7. (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
729—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poultry-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1304—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)
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
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.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
K.T. 129—Holy Paleot, 33 Golden Square, W.

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Preston, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
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 Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Eleonore, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
853—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
851—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1041—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1090—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Borough, Ball Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)

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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
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 14th 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.
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
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)
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)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—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.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—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.
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

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
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

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
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.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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.
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, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotal, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 613—Brudson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 907—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 18—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
781—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbar, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1709—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (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)
M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)
K.T. 44—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, 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
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 622—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, 16th JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, 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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Buttons, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1807—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 69—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristo

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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 JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
*176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Eccleston, 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.
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
2020—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Sitas Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 11th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
32—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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1448—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, 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 Bartlett Road. (Inst).
1668—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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (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
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
592—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
919—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
1459—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1582—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, 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—Tyne, 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. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 12th 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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
198—Jerusalem, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
674—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Hallowgate, Spital Tavern, Lewisham-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1380—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
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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1442—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
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)
1405—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Parl Street, Bodmin
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Caistetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sidmouth
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, 13th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
117—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
534—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.
814—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
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)
1305—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)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Preston, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Readshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
226—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
480—Symonthy, 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
1090—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Ball Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1245—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)

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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
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 14th 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.
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
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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction
1506—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)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—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.
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)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—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.
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

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Loudon Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Carolino-street, Longton, Stafford.
638—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
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

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
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.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1589—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1683—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, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotal, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 613—Brdson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
781—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbar, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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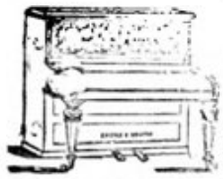

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THE NEXT ELECTIONS FOR THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

AFTER such a result as we were recently enabled to chronicle as the total of the contributions of English Craftsmen to the Masonic Educational Institutions for the past year, it is not to be wondered at that the Committees of the two Schools should have been enabled to recommend, not only that the existing number of pupils should be maintained, but that in each case additions should be made to the number on the establishment. Success has attended the operations of the Institutions during the past twelve months to such an extent as to call forth the approval of all who interest themselves in the work of benevolence, and to-day we are in a position to judge the effect this success will have on the more immediate future. The numbers of pupils in the two Schools are to be increased at the next elections, in April.

In the case of the Girls School the additions decided upon are but slight, still they are sufficient to mark the progress which the Institution is making. At the present time—when every one is complaining of the badness of trade, and the lack of money—anything like extension in the work of benevolence cannot be too highly applauded, and therefore the additions decided upon in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, although small, are sufficient to call forth general congratulation. It is decided (1) that in case a vacancy occurs from any cause before the newly-elected children are received into the School, the next highest unsuccessful candidate on the list may be admitted at the next Quarterly Court, and (2) that one additional girl be elected at the Quarterly General Court in April, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 237. The former of these resolutions may be looked upon as a mere matter of detail, intended to give the supporters of the Institution an opportunity of preventing a waste of space, as well as the inconvenience of starting a half year with one or more pupils short of the capacity of the Institution. With such a number of children as two hundred and thirty-seven to be taken into consideration, it is just as well to provide for emergencies, and it is but natural to suppose that circumstances may occasionally arise to create an unexpected vacancy. Whenever this rule is taken advantage of it will imply an addition to the Institution for the six months immediately following, and thereby relieve for that period the necessities of the family to which the highest unsuccessful candidate for the time being belongs—no trivial advantage, as many a brother's widow could testify. It is such small matters as these which prove the watchfulness and thoroughly hearty manner in which the Committees of our Institutions carry out their self-imposed duties. Nothing that can be thought of is neglected in the desire to relieve the wants of others, and we are convinced it is only careful consideration for the future which prevents even greater extensions than have just been decided upon. The second proposition is, of course, an addition to the School pure and simple, and will allow of the admission of one more child to the benefits of the Institution. This will necessarily entail an additional outlay—an outlay which, although terminable at any of the periodical elections, is virtually permanent, as such a proposal as a reduction in the number of pupils must not be even thought of, much less seriously entertained. We think the Craftsmen of England may be relied upon to maintain the Institutions in the future as ably—even if not better—as do the brethren of to-day.

Turning to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys we have an increase decided upon of a most substantial character, and one which will be hailed with delight by all who have taken a part in raising the funds which have made it possible. Ten additional children are to be admitted to the Institution, which already feeds, clothes, and educates two hundred and thirty sons of Freemasons; so that, after the election in April next, two hundred and forty boys will be on the books of this Institution. Truly a grand number, and one which, as in the case of the Girls, we hope will speedily be increased, but never decreased.

Having referred to the increases which have been decided upon, we may now look at the prospects of the elections, which, as usual, will take place in April. The coming contests promise to be exciting, if they are not deserving of being termed excessively severe, although to many of those who will take a part in them they will prove painfully severe, as it will be necessary, in spite of the eleven additional vacancies declared, to send thirty-two of the candidates back—unsuccessful. In the case of the Girls' School twenty-three candidates can be admitted from an approved list of thirty-seven applicants, while in that of the Boys School forty-eight are eligible to go to the poll, to compete for thirty places, a total of eighty-five candidates, of whom fifty-three only can be admitted. It is much to be regretted that this large proprotion of deserving cases will have to be sent away disappointed, but it is hardly to be expected that members of the Craft can, or ever will be able to relieve every case of distress brought before them. It is rather a subject for rejoicing that as many as fifty-three of the eighty-five candidates can be admitted, than that we should lament the circumstances which force us to send thirty-two of them back. It is but natural that there should be more candidates than vacancies, for there are no benefits, such as the Schools confer, which can be had simply for the asking; indeed there are numberless cases in which smaller benefactions are sought after, much more than is the case with the scholarships of our Schools. This proves that the Masons of England are to be congratulated on having, comparatively speaking, so small a number of calls made on them in this respect.

As we have said before, it is the earnest desire of the Committees of the Masonic Institutions to spread their advantages over as wide an area as possible, and to make the blessings of the Charities felt to the utmost extent, but with the increasing demands which are constantly made on them, and the increased expenditure which is so frequently sanctioned, there must be a corresponding increase in the activity of those who subscribe the money to carry them on, and in these days of almost universal depression it is difficult to see in what way the contributions of the Craft can be augmented. We can hardly ask those who have already worked to do more than they have done, but we can, and do, entreat of them to continue their support as far as they are able, and, above all, to enlist the services of brethren new to the work. A brother who serves the office of Steward, for instance, should not consider his work complete until he has transferred his "representation" of one of the Institutions to another member of his Lodge. All should strive to encourage regular representation from their Lodges, and no matter

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how small the list, if it could be relied upon year after year it would be particularly welcome. It is not one or two exceptionally large contributions which have placed the Institutions in their present position, or which keep them in a state of activity, but numberless small offerings from brethren all over the country. No pains, then, should be spared to render these gifts regular, and as numerous as possible. What has been done during the last few days towards increasing the number of children in the Masonic Schools has been rendered possible by the large number of small contributions which were sent up last year, and similar increases will be possible in the future if increased support of a like kind be forthcoming. The result is worth striving for, and we earnestly hope that some of our readers may find it in their power to take an active part in securing it. Let them remember that as the result of last year's good work eleven new vacancies have been declared, and that, in spite of this, thirty-two distressed families will be sent away after the next elections—unrelieved for want of funds.

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FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just received the reprint of a letter signed "P.M. 1607," which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 21st of November last. To this letter is appended a table purporting to show the sums contributed during the past seven years by each Province to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions.

I am sure that any one reading these figures and the satirical paragraph near the end of "P.M.'s" letter would infer that the Lodges and brethren of the Province of Herefordshire, which he has specially held up for derision, had during the period referred to (1879-85) contributed *nothing* to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, *nothing* to the Girls' School, and the paltry sum of £53 11s only to the Boys' School fund. Permit me, therefore, through your columns, to correct these misstatements, the fact being that during the years in question I myself have remitted £477 15s from the brethren of the Province, viz.:—

To the Boys' School - - - -	£194	5	0
To the Girls' School - - - -	152	5	0
To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution -	131	5	0
Total - - - - -	477	15	0

To this must be added various sums contributed by Lodges and brethren, the amount of which I do not know, as it does not come before me.

Possibly the fallacious figures given by "P.M." include only the sums taken up and presented to the Annual Festivals, and he ignores remittances made through post. However this may be, they are, so far as the Province of Herefordshire is concerned, inaccurate and most unfair.

I hardly need say that before castigating his brethren "P.M." should have taken due care that the figures which he thought fit to give to the Masonic world were fair and correct, and contained *all* the facts necessary for an impartial judgment, or he should have added that for aught he knew, in addition to the amounts he had stated, considerable sums might have been remitted by the Lodges and brethren of a Province.

I may say that Herefordshire is a very small Province, its four Lodges containing but 110 members, so that a remittance of £477 15s from the Association referred to under my signature is very creditable, and especially so when regard is had to the fact that our claims upon the Institutions during the same period have amounted to £32 only.

"P.M." Masonically insinuates that the Province of Herefordshire would not have given even the paltry sum with which he credits it but in the hope of getting it back. If his figures and insinuation were true, how fatal they would be to any candidate from the Province; whereas, on the contrary, a full and true statement of the facts would be beneficial.

If "P.M.'s" other figures are reliable, it would appear that Herefordshire is one of the few Provinces which, during the past seven years, has remitted to the Association £440 more than it has received.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

W. EARLE P.M., Prov. G.S.

Hon. Secretary Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association.

8th January 1886.

"MASONRY" IN COURT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Flashes of humour and *lapsus linguæ* often break forth spontaneously to vary and relieve the monotony of the proceedings of our law courts, and a peculiarly funny instance came under notice not very long ago. During a recent visit to the Lord Mayor's Court, Bro. H. Wildey Wright and Mr. Lewis Glyn were the opposing counsel, and the former having addressed the jury on behalf of his client, the latter rose to reply, prefacing his observations with that bland smile for which he is noted, and sundry gesticulations which are familiar to gentlemen learned in the law. The pause being more prolonged than usual, Bro. Wright sprang to his feet and exclaimed, "If you wish to address the jury do so, but don't address them by Masonic signs." To this Mr. Glyn imploringly assured the jury, "Gentlemen, they were *not* Masonic signs to you." The foreman of the jury said, he could not understand them if they were; whereupon the learned judge (Mr. Woodthorpe Brandon) comforted the jury that it was "merely a figure of speech." It need hardly be said that the amusement in court was intense, as many there knew that Mr. Lewis Glyn is not a Mason.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

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PROFESSIONAL SINGERS AND THEIR FRIENDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the course of a lively conversation with a brother the other evening the subject turned accidentally upon the desirability or otherwise of incurring the heavy expense of engaging professional and non-Masonic "talent" at our banquets, and we mutually agreed that there is, or should, be sufficient vocal and instrumental ability amongst the members to render any such extraneous aid unnecessary. I am willing to admit that the performance of an overture during dinner adds zest to the meal, and the singing between the toasts tends materially to heighten the enjoyment of the proceedings. But whether the brethren are justified in putting a Lodge to such an expense as must accompany professional engagements of the kind to which I refer is a question which calls for very serious consideration. The subscriptions of the brethren should be devoted to none but Masonic purposes, and musical services rendered in our Lodges should be voluntary and gratuitous, not expensively charged for. But even admitting that three or four artists are engaged for, say a guinea each per night, and their banquet, which costs probably as much more, that should be the outside; and I always thought it was, until enlightened by my veteran brother, the other night, who seemed to "know the ropes." "Bless you," he remarked, "in these cases the first cost is not all. For instance, a young lady is engaged to sing. She must have a lady friend to assist her at her toilette, and a gentlemen friend to turn over the leaves of the music, and so on. The gentlemen artists frequently have their attendants, too; and of course all these *aides* expect to be entertained the same as the rest. Thus, if four professionals are engaged to take part in the musical accompaniments of a banquet, the harmonious party is very often largely increased, and it is easy to calculate the expense which is thus unnecessarily thrust upon the Lodge funds. I am aware that I shall be open to the retort that it is no business of mine, and that the brethren have a right to do as they please; but I venture to think in a majority of such cases the brethren either do not know or do not care to enquire the extent of the outlay incurred by this luxury, the payment for which, out of Lodge funds, is unjustifiable, and a waste of money. Perhaps some of the luxurious Worshipful Masters or Treasurers may take a different view of the matter, and let us know what that view is; also, whether the charge can be upheld by Masonic law.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A LOVER OF MUSIC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After nearly two years' severe illness, the G.A.O.T.U. has graciously restored me to health, and since my almost exhausted resources were further depleted by the cruel burglary at my residence, on Christmas Day, I am once more desirous, able and willing, to obtain some employment to assist my broken fortunes. I trust, therefore, some of the many brethren I have known in my happier and more prosperous days will be able to come to my rescue.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL P.M. 1607.

8 Thurloe Place, S.W.

The election of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, took place on Tuesday. Bro. Henry Martin S.W. was unanimously chosen as Master for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. England, was re-elected Treasurer. The installation meeting will take place on the second Tuesday in February, when Bro. Alfred Withers P.M. will undertake the duties of Installing Master.

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OUR INSTITUTIONS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Saturday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brook Marshall P.G. Treasurer. The minutes having been confirmed, the chairman announced that he had made an application to Grand Lodge for a grant of money towards defraying the cost of the land recently purchased by the Institution. He was pleased to say that the brethren present in Grand Lodge had unanimously voted the sum of £1,000 for that purpose. Bro. J. H. Matthews P.G.S.B. then moved the three propositions of which he had given notice, and which were detailed in our issue of the 2nd inst. All of them were carried. The Secretary reported the completion of the purchase of land recently authorised, and a resolution to provide a new box for the deeds, &c., of the Institution having been carried, a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the meeting terminated.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of Bro. George Plucknett, Treasurer of the Institution. The whole of the motions of which notice had been given, and which will be found recorded in our last issue, were carried, and the recommendation of the General Committee as to the number of candidates to be elected at the next meeting was adopted. Considerable discussion ensued on Bro. Rayuham W. Stewart's motion concerning the future of the House Committee, and notice was given that a proposition would be made for the next Quarterly Court not to confirm the minutes in regard to it. The proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the chairman.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. John L. Mather. The death of three female annuitants was announced. The reports of the Warden, and of the Finance Committee, were adopted. Votes of thanks to those who had contributed to the entertainment of the Old Folks at Croydon, on the 6th inst., were passed. A widow's application for half her late husband's annuity was granted, and then the new petitions were considered, and ultimately accepted. The thanks of the meeting having been given to the chairman, the proceedings terminated.

The installation meeting of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 4·30 p.m. precisely. Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg P.M. 1502 is the W.M. elect.

A Masonic Charitable Association in connection with the Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861, to be held at the King's Head Tavern, 42 Threadneedle Street, E.C., will commence its operations on Tuesday evening next, the 19th inst, and be continued on the third Tuesday in every month. Lodge opens at seven o'clock. Brethren are cordially invited to join.

The Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Alderman Staples) was present last night (Friday), at an emergency meeting of the St. Botolph Lodge, No. 2020, held at the Albion, Aldersgate street.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 16th January 1886:—

Monday—Old Pauline's Club, St. George and Cornerstone Lodge, Royal Savoy Lodge, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—Piscatorial Ball, St. James's Union Lodge, Urban Lodge, Codogan Lodge. Wednesday—Royal Savoy Lodge Ball, Enoch Lodge, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge. Thursday—New Holborn Quadrilles, Elliott Lodge Ball, Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish Lodge, University of London Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge, Gt. Northern Lodge. Friday—London Caithness Ball, Jordan Lodge, University Lodge, Lodge of Antiquity. Saturday—London Wheelers' Soirée, City and West End Soirée.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville.—On Wednesday last was produced here a comedy, entitled "Plebeians," by Mr. Joseph Derrick. Although the new piece was well received on the first night, the success was mainly due to the talented artists who were engaged in its production. Placed in the hands of a company not so well versed in this style of acting the piece would have been a disastrous failure. Such ideas as are expressed by the author will never be appreciated, and unless the work be almost rewritten the sooner Mr. Thorne changes his programme the better. Imagine a rich brewer, or a money lender, offering an individual £15,000 if he will marry his daughter, merely because he can place the prefix "Honourable" before his name. This, however, seems to be the idea on which Mr. Derrick has founded his comedy. The following is an outline of the plot. Mr. Basil Brown, a brewer, who resides at Candy Lodge, Brixton, calls upon an impecunious "Honourable," whom he has met at his club, and to whom he offers a cheque for £15,000, provided he will marry his daughter. In furtherance of this view, the Hon. Danby Cleeve (Mr. T. Thorne) is invited to dine on the following day at Candy Lodge, where he will have an opportunity of meeting Miss Belinda Brown. A Jewish money lender, who states his wealth to consist of a quarter of a million, also calls upon the aristocrat, and offers a bait of £20 000 if the "Honourable" will marry *his* daughter. This individual states it is the one hope of his life to obtain for his daughter a position in society, and that can only be obtained by marriage. The Jew adds that he and his daughter are to dine on the following day at Candy Lodge. Whilst Cleeve is meditating over these bribes, a young lady, Grace Wentworth, calls to see him. She has a tale of trouble; her affianced husband was to come to England from a far distant land, but the vessel is a fortnight overdue; she earnestly pleads the gentleman will make inquiries respecting the vessel; this he promises to do, and is about to carry out his promise, when he is told that the vessel has foundered, and the lady's lover has been drowned, and that he himself is entitled to possession of the dead man's wealth. The day for the dinner at Candy Lodge at length arrives, and here the "Honourable" falls in love with the brewer's daughter. But as he has come into a fortune, he accepts her without the proferred cheque. The joy of the brewer is unbounded, while the Israelite is wild with rage. After the engagement has been agreed upon, it turns out that the vessel in which Grace Wentworth's affianced husband is supposed to have been lost, safely arrives in port, and of course the gentleman claims his wealth, but Cleeve in turn comes in for another slice of fortune's favour. As we have before said, the success of the piece was entirely due to the excellent company that was engaged. Miss Kate Rorke takes the part of Belinda Brown, the brewer's daughter, but she has poor material to exercise her abilities upon. Miss Kate Phillips assumes the part of the Jew's daughter, and is even, if possible, in a worse plight. Miss Maude Millett seems to have been "fitted" the best; her rendering of the part of Grace Wentworth being replete with sentiment. Mr. Thomas Thorne, in selecting the part of the Honourable Danby Cleeve, has chosen one unworthy of his powers. Labouring under extreme difficulties, however, he managed to create some fun out of a bad work. The parts of the Jew (Mr. Charles Groves) and the Brewer (Mr. Fred Thorne) were both well acted; in fact, the vitality of the piece seemed to rest on the shoulders of these gentlemen. Other characters were filled by Mr. W. Lestocq (Jabez), Mr. H. Akhurst (Mr. Seldon), Mr. F. Grove (Pritchard), Mr. F. Mellish (Columbus Brown), and Miss Lavis (Mrs. Basil Brown).

SHAKESPEARE'S WILL.—Any person desirous of inspecting the actual last will and testament of the immortal Bard of Avon can do so by visiting Somerset House and paying a shilling. The visitor is conducted to a dimly-lighted room in which this precious relic is preserved, and is not a little astonished to find it securely fixed in a series of frames protected by glass. The will remained for many years without any attempt being made to protect it from the wear to which it is subjected. Indeed, the reference to the will during the period which it was unprotected has slightly worn away the writing at the folds of the paper. It is a remarkable fact that for every Englishman who visits Somerset House to inspect it, there are at least two Americans. The Will has been reproduced in fac-simile on two or three occasions at distant intervals, one of the last copies being taken in the year 1864, when a fac-simile (now out of print) was published at six shillings. Fac-similes have for many years been exceedingly scarce, and a sovereign or more has been paid for good copies. Messrs. Cassell & Company have, we learn, now reproduced the Will in a form which will enable every person to possess it, for they will issue a fac-simile copy with Part I. of "Cassell's Illustrated Shakespeare," to be published on the 26th inst., the price of the Part, including the Will, being but 7d. This new fac-simile of the Will has been very carefully executed, its permanent value being greatly enhanced by its being printed on paper of antique style, and in ink similar in colour to that of the original document.

Mr. Charles Du Val has reached India, and made his first appearance there at the Gaiety Theatre, Bombay, with unqualified success. The Indian Journals are unanimous in their favourable criticisms on Mr. Du Val's Monologue. He appears for a season at the Theatre Royal, Calcutta, after at Bombay, and will probably visit China and Japan.

Monday, the 25th instant, has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Spring Exhibition of the Nineteenth Century Art Society, at the Conduit-street Galleries.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 88.

IT was with particular pleasure that we assisted at the Installation meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge, on Monday evening, at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge, when there was a large gathering of Masons from all parts of the Province. On entering the Lodge room, which we found splendidly appointed, and well warmed and ventilated, in cheerful contrast to the bitter weather outside, we found a goodly number of the members assembled under the gavel of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. McCallum P.P.G.J.D., who was well supported by his Officers. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, in accordance with ancient rites, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, a perfect galaxy of Provincial Grand Officers took their seats upon the dais, followed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, Bro. J. Neal York, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, Bro. R. H. Holmes, both of whom were saluted with the honours accorded to their exalted rank. Amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge present were Bros. J. R. Ling P.P.G.J.W., W. I. Basham P.P.G.D.C., B. Chennell P.G.J.W., A. H. Moyes P.P.G.S.W. (Secretary), T. Hunnybun P.P.G.D.C., and E. Hills P.P.G. Reg. The Visitors included Bros. the Rev. T. Bartrup Nichols (president of the St. Oswald's College, Cullercoats), son of the W.M. elect, R. L. Wherry J.W. 1232, Rev. H. Bott I.G. 186, J. W. Emerson 859, G. E. Anson 705 (New Zealand), G. Tindall W.M. 242, T. Watt W.M. 441, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, J. E. L. Whitehead S.D. 441, S. H. Sharman S.W. 441, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, J. Read P.M. 85, J. Catling 441, J. W. Wilson 685 P.P.G.S.W., E. H. Jennings P.M. 441, J. Fuller J.W. 441, C. A. Vinter I.P.M. 441, Hutchinson J.D. 2107, H. Saunders P.M. 859, J. H. Gray P.M. 859. The preliminary business, which included the adoption of a most satisfactory report by the Auditors, having been disposed of, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. the Rev. T. Bartrup Nichols, who, in company with two or three other brethren of his Province, had travelled all the way from Newcastle-on-Tyne to instal his venerable and esteemed father into the chair of K.S. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Thomas Nichols S.W. P.G. Treasurer, has for years ranked amongst the more active and distinguished Masons in Cambridgeshire, having filled the office, not only of Treasurer of his own Lodge, but also that of Provincial Grand Lodge. Those who knew him best recognise in him an energetic and discreet brother, who is ever alive to the true principles of the Craft, and it has been a matter of astonishment that he had not, long ago, aspired to the dignity of Mastership. At length, however, even having regard to his advanced age, considering the active services he had so long rendered to the Province, it was deemed by the brethren most desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that he should rank amongst the rulers of the Craft, and that desire having been communicated to him, Bro. Nichols bestirred himself, and brings to bear no perfunctory knowledge, nor self-satisfied reliance entirely upon the Past Masters, but a full conviction of the responsibilities of the position, and a determination to carry out the duties which devolve upon him. This was a source of sincere congratulation on Monday evening, on the part of those who had previously recognised Bro. Nichols' zeal and energy, and his capacity for taking command of the Lodge. Having assented, according to established usage, to undertake the responsibilities, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Nichols was duly installed into the chair by his son, who performed the ceremony in a masterly manner. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was saluted with the customary honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. G. McCallum P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M., W. I. Pashler P.P.G. Supt. of Works S.W., Oliver Papworth P.P.G.D.C. J.W., E. Hills P.M. P.P.P.G Chaplain, W. H. Jarrold P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, A. H. Moyes P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, W. Purchas P.P.G.O. S.D., F. Piggott P.P.G.S.B. J.D., T. Hunnybun P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Director of Ceremonies, J. R. Ling P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Organist, W. P. Spalding P.G. Supt. of Works I.G., W. Davidson P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Steward, and T. Wood Tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren were then delivered by the Installing Officer, the whole ceremony being rendered in recondite and eloquent manner. Indeed, it is no figure of speech to say we have seldom seen the beautiful rite more perfectly or impressively carried out. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethen then adjourned, to reassemble in the banqueting-room, where a récherché repast was provided by the worthy proprietor of the hotel, who is proverbial for the interest he takes in the Lodge, and his provision for the comfort of the brethren. The toast of the Queen and the Craft having been proposed, and received with loyal enthusiasm, the National Anthem was sung, and the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was followed by that of the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Present and Past Grand Officers, these toasts being also heartily welcomed. Ample justice was done to the toast of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, the Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. Neal York, and the Prov. Grand Officers. The W.M., in proposing this toast, expressed regret that their Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been compelled to leave early, in consequence of an important business engagement; in Brother York's absence he would call upon Brother B. Chennell Prov. G.J.W. to respond. Bro. Chennell, in the course of his reply, said it was his pleasure and privilege to be at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire, when they voted one hundred guineas towards the funds of each of the Masonic Charities. This action had been highly approved by the Craft generally, and it was hoped that other Provinces would follow the example. The I.P.M. next proposed the health of their newly-installed Worshipful Master, in doing which he sincerely congratulated the Lodge upon the wisdom and excellence of their choice. It was very gratifying to find that so esteemed a member of the Lodge had at last been induced to accept the Mastership. Bro. Nichols was so well known to all the brethren that no eulogy was needed in presenting to them the toast. The W.M., in responding, after alluding to the difficulties he had surmounted, taking into consideration his advanced age, said it required some amount of moral courage to essay the responsibilities of the chair. It was from no selfish feeling that he had so long held aloof from that position; it was solely from the thought that it would be for the advantage of the Lodge that he should do so, and that he should not take the chair. At the same time he had a sneaking regard for the office, and pressure having been kindly placed upon him, by the solicitations of his many friends he at last gladly consented. He had not done so without consideration, and should do all he could to bring to bear upon the duties that amount of energy which he was thankful to say he still possessed, and trusted his zeal might make up for any shortcomings he might display. He referred with gratification to having been placed in the unique position of a father being installed by his son, and he felt that his labours in Freemasonry had not been in vain. He was proud to know that his son, who had installed him that day, had so far carried out his wishes, and made himself an active and honoured member of the Craft. He appreciated most highly the compliment that had been paid to him by so many distinguished brethren travelling such a distance, to be present at his installation. He reciprocated the kindly wishes which had been extended to him, and hoped to receive during his year of office the co-operation and assistance of his officers and the brethren generally. He trusted that at the end of his year, however imperfectly he might have carried out the duties, it would be recognised that he had striven to the utmost of his ability, and that the Lodge would not have suffered at his hands. Bro. O. Papworth P.P.G.D.C. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, and in doing so said from his knowledge of Bro. Nichols jun. he felt the toast would be most heartily received. He could scarcely pay that brother a higher compliment than to hope that the father might prove worthy of the son. The Installing Master, in the course of his response, said the proceedings of that day had proved a source of heartfelt happiness to him in his Masonic career. He was highly gratified at the reception the brethren had given him, and pleased at the important part that had been entrusted to him to play that day. He quite appreciated the kindness of the members of the Lodge in giving place to him, and spoke in the highest terms of the Worshipful Master, who he felt sure would never be excelled by any of the brethren for the amount of zeal and energy which he would bring to bear upon the fulfilment of his duties. He concluded an excellent and practical speech by wishing for the Scientific Lodge a long and prosperous career. The health of the Past Masters was next given from the chair, and in doing so the W.M. said the Past Masters, as the toast list indicated, were "most potent, grave and reverend signiors," and he relied upon them for their co-operation and aid. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Davidson P.P.G.J.W., who said it would be the pleasure, as well as the duty, of all the Past Masters to uphold the W.M. in the fulfilment of his onerous duties, and to sustain the prestige which the Scientific Lodge had so long enjoyed. The toast of the Visitors having been proposed in felicitous terms from the chair, Bro. Holmes, Deputy Grand Master of Northumberland, was the first to respond. He thanked the Worshipful Master for the gratifying terms in which the toast of the Visitors had been given, and for the cordial reception which had been accorded it. He had a vivid recollection that some years ago Bro. Nichols, who had so well discharged the duties of Installing Master on this occasion, visited him at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in company with his father, their worthy Worshipful Master that day. Whilst discussing why Brother Nichols had not passed the chair, he had promised, if ever the day came when their brother should be induced to accept the position of Master, he (the speaker) would make an effort to be present. In fulfilment of that promise he had gladly travelled from the north, and it was exceedingly gratifying to him to see his old and respected friend in the exalted position he now occupied. Bro. Watts, of the Three Grand Principles, and Bro. Gray, of the Isaac Newton Lodge, also responded. The Masonic Charities was the next toast, and the W.M. delivered an earnest and practical speech on the beneficent influence which the various institutions exercised on behalf of those who were in deserving need. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, who in the course of his response said he had seen the Secretaries of each of the Masonic Institutions that morning, and Bro. Binckes, the representative of the Boys' School, had authorised him (Bro. Morgan) to convey his sincere regrets to the brethren of the Scientific Lodge that he was unable to be present on that interesting occasion. As the Worshipful Master had so kindly associated his name with the toast of the Masonic Charities, and as neither of the actual representatives of the Institutions were present, he thought perhaps a few words from him as to what those Institutions were doing would not be inopportune. The munificent gift which had been voted at the last Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire had been received with the warmest approval by the Craft at large, and the work being done by the Charity Organisation scheme which was now in full operation in the Province of Cambridgeshire was a means that would be of intense value to the Masonic Institutions generally. They must all acknowledge that the past year had been one of unexampled prosperity so far as the Masonic Institutions were concerned; this would be conceded by every one who was interested in the affairs of Freemasonry; but without posing before them as an alarmist, it must not be lost sight of that in this period of universal depression in trade a reaction might occur. Bro. Morgan urged upon the brethren most seriously that they must not be led too far a-head by an exceptionally prosperous year—or years—for when a grand success was achieved in any year the executive of the various Institutions were strongly urged to increase their sphere of benevolence, and were perhaps induced to undertake responsibilities which there was a possibility they might not be able to meet. A time of adversity might come; and while he, in accord with every well wisher of the Masonic Institutions, hoped there should be no falling off in the

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amount that was being expended, with that wish he coupled a sincere desire that a proper and discreet wisdom should be exercised in the outlay of the money which was placed in their hands. It undoubtedly was the desire of every brother who contributed that the capital funds of the Craft should be placed upon a more firm and solid foundation. It was most undesirable that the Institutions should exist on a "hand to mouth" principle. The absolute responsibilities entailed upon the executive of the three Institutions might be realized when it was taken into consideration what a vast amount of beneficent work was done. During the past year the amount realized on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions had amounted in the aggregate to £54,500. Even with this vast sum there were some difficulties to face. The Craft was increasing in volume, and the demands upon its bounty were multiplying. At the next election for the Benevolent Institution there would be no fewer than 136 deserving applicants for the benefits of that Institution, and Bro. Terry, in a so-called "Manifesto," issued last week, had earnestly appealed to the brethren throughout the country to assist him by every means in their power to make the approaching Festival a success. It must be remembered by the brethren that the amount of charity bestowed by the Benevolent Institution was divided amongst 190 men and over 200 widows, who received annuities—the males £40 per annum, and the widows £32. This of itself entailed a yearly expenditure of £13,804. Then they had the Girls' School, where 237 pupils were being maintained, clothed and educated. Again, at the Quarterly Court held that afternoon there was a proposal that the admissions to the Boys' School at Wood Green should be increased from 230 to 240. All these items, as a matter of course, entailed grave responsibilities, and should an evil day come, when the subscriptions on the part of the Craft might materially fall off, it would be inevitable that the scope of the Institutions must be narrowed. Those who had hitherto subscribed would only be content so long as the candidates in whom they were particularly interested were kept well to the front, but should there be any unavoidable curtailment there would certainly arise a laxity of interest, and, as a consequence, a fearful falling off in the receipts must follow. If instead of 240 pupils at the Schools the Committee should only be able to provide for 200, it would have a most depreciatory influence upon the actual income, the result of which would be appalling. Bro. Morgan said he did not urge these views in any alarmist spirit, but it was necessary that men of business experience should be fully prepared for such exigencies as might arise. In conclusion, he advised that a substantial addition should be made to the reserve fund of each Institution, in order that, should a crisis occur, they might be able to cope with the demands made. Unquestionably the executive of the three Masonic Institutions had the confidence of the Craft at large, and it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to have had the opportunity, however imperfectly, of laying his views before the brethren as to the position of the Institutions and the duties of all true Masons to support them by every means in their power. The proceedings of the evening were fittingly closed with the Tyler's toast. The speeches throughout were interspersed by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music, with recitations.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

A HUNDRED years of uninterrupted Masonic existence is what few Lodges can boast of, and therefore those which do enjoy that distinction may be excused for any enthusiasm they feel in connection with the honour. Another Lodge has just attained to its centennial—the Domatic, No. 177—the one hundredth Worshipful Master of which was installed on Friday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and active preparations are being made to celebrate the event by a banquet after the regular meeting next month. The meeting of Friday last was presided over by the W.M. of the past year, Bro. Robert Pierpoint, who was supported by Harry Price S.W., A. Simner J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, H. J. Chapman J.D., R. Harvey I.G., N. Salmon Steward, Riechelmann Organist, and the following Past Masters:—W. M. Foxcroft, W. J. Ferguson, E. White, H. Bowman Spink, J. McLean, J. R. Foulger, and J. E. Walford. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, and the Auditors' report received, the Lodge was advanced and Bro. J. Webster passed. Bro. H. B. Pardy was raised, and then Bro. Harry Nelson Price was installed as Worshipful Master, Bro. Everett, Treasurer of the Lodge, performing the ceremony with marked ability, notwithstanding the fact that he was suffering from severe indisposition. The following brethren were appointed as Officers: Simner S.W., Chapman J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, Morris Secretary, Harvey S.D., J. Sadler Wood J.D., Salmon I.G., J. E. Spurrell D.C., and J. Billinghurst Steward. After the completion of the Installation ceremony, Messrs. Thomas Trodd, Robert Hewetson, Anthony Fawcell Peacock, and Ernest George Arthur Smith, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. An increase in the Visitors' Fee on the occasion of the Centenary Banquet next month was then agreed to, and the report of the Centenary Committee received. Two propositions for initiation were submitted, and a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of Installation was unanimously agreed to, on the proposition of Bro. Pierpoint I.P.M. seconded by Bro. Foulger P.M. The Worshipful Master, in putting this motion, said that Bro. Everett had had a great wish to instal him, the one hundredth Master of the Lodge, into the chair. So strong had this desire been that Bro. Everett had left a sick room, to which he had been confined the last two or three weeks, solely for the purpose of being present. Bro. Everett felt deeply grateful to the brethren, one and all, for their kind expressions to him. He had had a wish to instal Bro. Price, because he was a brother whom he had personally introduced to Freemasonry, was a very old friend of his, and was, moreover, the one hundredth Master of the Domatic Lodge. After the customary greetings Lodge was closed and adjourned in due course. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the toast list was gone through. The first, the W.M. said, was a toast which for close on fifty years had been received with honour and enthusiasm by Englishmen throughout the world, and which in every assembly of Freemasons was sure of an especial welcome—it being that of the Queen. It was usual with Freemasons to couple with this toast the Masonic Craft, the prosperity of which they all desired. The toast was heartily received, and followed by the National Anthem, Madame Riechelmann singing the solo. The next toast was that of the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Worshipful Master was sure this would be received with the same cordial welcome as had been accorded to the previous toast. By the winning character of his nature, and by his geniality at all times, the Prince of Wales had won the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, while the way in which he had managed the affairs of the Craft had won for him the esteem of every member of the Order. This toast was followed by that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. In the Earl of Carnarvon the brethren had a very worthy and highly distinguished Mason; one who was always ready to fulfil any duty he might be called upon to perform in connection with the Order. The Deputy Grand Master was an equally good Mason, as any brother who had seen his working in Grand Lodge could testify; while the Grand Officers generally were men who had well earned the honourable positions to which they had been appointed. Bro. Pierpoint proposed the health of the W.M. It was a very pleasing duty to him to submit this, the health of his successor in the chair. Personally he wished the W.M. every success, and in doing so he felt he was only expressing the wish of every member of the Domatic Lodge. The support the brethren had given to the chair during the past year had ensured to him a very happy year of office, and the best wish he could express for his successor was that he might have as great prosperity during his term. He did this feeling assured that Bro. Price was fully deserving of all the honour the members of the Domatic Lodge could confer, and with the full conviction that he would merit the approval which would be showered upon him. The W.M. considered it a somewhat difficult task to reply to the many kind things which had just been said of him; but he felt that the cordial reception of the toast by the brethren proved that they endorsed the remarks of the Immediate Past Master. He felt sure the members would believe him when he said that while he was in the chair he should do his best to ensure the comfort of the brethren and the prosperity of the Lodge. He trusted that when he vacated the chair the mention of his name in connection with the Domatic Lodge would always call forth as hearty a response as it had done that night. Before resuming his seat he had much pleasure in proposing the toast of the Immediate Past Master. He felt assured the brethren would unite with him in wishing their Immediate Past Master the greatest success in his future career. He had pleasure in presenting to Bro. Pierpoint the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and he did so, feeling that no jewel was ever more deserved than this one. Bro. Pierpoint felt at a disadvantage as he was suffering from a severe cold; indeed, had it not been for the pleasure of attending the old Domatic Lodge he did not think he should have ventured from home that day. He was truly grateful for the honours which had been conferred on him during the past year. He had especially to thank the Past Masters for the kind assistance they had rendered him during his term of office. He well remembered that on the night of his Installation they had held out the right hand of fellowship, and since then they had done all they could to make his year of office a prosperous one. He did not like to mention names in such a case as this, but could not refrain from a special reference to Bro. Ferguson, who had been particularly kind during the twelve months. There was also the Treasurer, to whom he desired to address a few special words of thanks. He had done much to secure the prosperity of the Lodge during the past year. The brethren were all pleased to see him again well enough to get about, as it was at all times a pleasure to see his happy face in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Initiates, whom he hoped would so act as to maintain and even add to the reputation of the old Domatic Lodge. Bro. Smith was the first to reply. The events of that evening had been looked forward to by him with infinite pleasure for some time past, and he was happy to say their realisation was fully up to his expectations. Bro. Trodd followed. The Worshipful Master had expressed a hope that the Initiates of that night might one day occupy the chair of that—their mother Lodge. He hoped he might, but he could not help thinking he was then nearer the chair than he should ever be again, or at least for very many years. He should try, however, and merit promotion from his brethren. Brothers Hewetson and Peacock also replied, after which the toast of the Charities was given from the chair. In the Charities associated with the Order the brethren had three splendid Institutions, of which they ought to be, and were justly, proud. The two Schools were worthy of especial esteem, but the third Charity—that which provided for the aged and the widows of the Craft—was if anything even more deserving than either of them. He should have the pleasure of representing his Lodge at the next Festival of this splendid Institution, and he hoped the members of the Lodge would do their best to support him in that Stewardship. Bro. James Terry replied, suggesting that it would be a very gratifying feature if the list of the Worshipful Master at the coming Festival was for as many pounds as the number of their Lodge. £177 from the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, at the hands of its one hundredth Master would be a grand result. When the brethren remembered on whose behalf their Master and he were pleading, they could not fail to do their utmost to make the appeal a success. At a later part of the evening it was announced that £64 11s 6d had been promised in the room on behalf of the Old People. The toast of the Visitors was duly honoured and replied to by several of the guests, while that of the Past Masters was acknowledged by Bros. Pierpoint and Ferguson. Bro. Morris replied for the Treasurer and Secretary, and sundry of the Officers to that proposed in their honour, after which

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the Tyler was called and the final toast pledged. A capital selection of music was arranged and was well carried out under the direction of the Organist of the Lodge. The visitors were Bros. Henry Magee 174, G. Reynolds I.G. 1616, R. Templeman W.M. 1339, A. Bignold 1624, T. W. Morley, M. G. Bobrer 1627, John Bennett 1415, H. E. Ince, J. Terry P.M. 228 P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hants, A. D. Cohen 1017, M. Cohen 1017, T. Baxter 228, John Hayler 2030, F. Lawrence 2012, G. Price 619, J. Hill S.W. 1658, A. Wallis 2005, E. Bowles 1056, T. J. Smith 1348, W. W. Westley S.D. 186, R. La Feuillade J.W. 1381, W. H. Boys P.M. 1658, Henry Stiles P.M. and Secretary 1732, R. Walden S. 1658, H. A. Stunt W.M. 1320, John Parnell P.M. 1106 P.P.G.S.B., J. Haxell 765, Clevelant Phillips P.M. 820, G. Bigley P.M. and T. 1298, W. W. Price 1816, T. Cox 1912, J. L. Hume J.D. 144, J. J. Avery P.M. 70 P.P.G. Treasurer Devon, G. T. N. Farman 1257, G. A. Potter 1964, G. Croxton P.M. 1769, W. Williams 2005, J. D. Smith W.M. 1658, and others.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 11th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a goodly muster of the brethren and visitors. Bro. W. A. Cubitt the W.M. was supported by Bros. W. Saint S.W. and W.M. elect and the Officers. Past Masters B. D. Renshaw Treasurer, J. Shackell Secretary, F. Biddle, J. E. Fells, Samuel Webb, J. Smith and F. Warne; J. G. Gildersleve acting as I.G., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, and about forty other brethren. The Visitors included Bros. G. H. Stephens P.M. 1623, J. C. Cross 902, W. Reynolds and W. Graves 1685, J. F. Simpson 1706, A. Bishop 1892, W. E. Johnson 1076, A. G. Watkinson 1728, J. Dale and G. J. Freeman 1613, J. P. Omer 1259, W. C. Schenebergen 172, H. J. Rose 1891, C. H. Kelsey 1227, J. W. Weston 1278, C. J. Woodward 1365; and others. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, when Bro. Joseph Hart was raised. Resuming in the second, Bro. Frederick Hemings was passed. It was announced with regret that Mr. Henry Middleton Alston, who was balloted for and accepted at the last meeting of the Lodge, had died somewhat suddenly, the melancholy event occurring on 27th December. Bro. W. Belchamber 1158 was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. Saint was then presented as the W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably carried out by Bro. Cubitt I.P.M., assisted in the charges by Bro. Samuel Webb P.M. The collars for the year were thus bestowed:—Bros. W. A. Cubitt I.P.M., F. Silvester Senior Warden, G. P. Nightingale Junior Warden, B. D. Kershaw Past Master Treasurer, J. Shackell Past Master Secretary, S. Smither S.D., H. Freeman J.D., E. J. Davey I.G., S. Webb P.M. D.C., and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. It was unanimously resolved to vote twenty guineas out of the funds of the Lodge in aid of the three Masonic Charities, and after some other business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room of the hotel, where Bro. Clemow, with his usual ability and taste, provided a really magnificent banquet. After dessert the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. Cubitt rose; he did not intend to dilate at any great length upon the toast; time was on the wing. He should content himself with proposing the health of their Worshipful Master, whose qualifications for that office were well known and admitted by all present. Bro. Saint W.M., in acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, said their excellent I.P.M. had spoken many kindly words as to his capabilities, and he could only hope that during his year of office he should be able to prove that he was equal to what he had been represented to be, and that he might give satisfaction to the brethren. The health of the Visitors was the next toast. Bro. J. Freeman 1613 said this was his first visit to the Confidence Lodge, but his invitations to it was as numerous in the future as they had been in the past, he should accept them more frequently. Bros. Stephens P.M 1623, W. E. Johnson 1076 and J. C. Cross 902 also responded. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, the Worshipful Master paid a deservedly high tribute to the zeal, assiduity, and ability of Bro. Cubitt, who during his very successful year of office had done so much to uphold the prestige of the Lodge, and to extend its usefulness. He felt perfectly certain that in his Immediate Past Master he should find every assistance he might require in the discharge of his onerous duties, and on behalf of the brethren he asked Bro. Cubitt's acceptance of a valuable Past Master's jewel, which he had richly earned by his unwearying efforts for the promotion and welfare of the Confidence Lodge. Brother Cubitt Immediate Past Master returned his very sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the Worshipful Master had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which had they received it, and also for the generous manner in which they had been pleased to vote him the handsome Past Master's jewel on his retirement from the chair. He knew it had been an established custom in this Lodge to pay a similar compliment to Masters when they retired from that position, and he had often heard them declare that when they received the jewel it was the "happiest moment of their lives." He was not going to follow those who had spoken in such terms, but he was very proud indeed to receive this jewel as a Past Master of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, said the toast was one which involved a great amount of goodwill. They had a goodly number of Past Masters present that night, and he repeated that during the years he had been connected with this Lodge he had ever received from them the utmost courtesy, kindness, and good feeling. That being the case he was only too pleased and happy to have the opportunity of expressing his gratitude to them for the services they had rendered him. It was a great acquisition to a Master in the chair to have Past Masters around him who were willing to support him and uphold him in the dignity of that position. Of course he considered the duties of the Mastership should be carried out in a way that was becoming and dignified, combined with respect and good feeling, without which they could not have unanimity in the Lodge. It should be his study to promote a feeling of goodwill amongst the members during his year of office, and especially to work in harmony with the Past Masters. Bro. Walter Wood said the rest of the Past Masters had placed upon his shoulders the duty of responding to the toast. He could not but thank the company for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. Every speaker had observed that it was too late to say everything he had intended to say; and with such excellent examples before him it would be rash on his part to attempt a lengthy speech. Therefore, sheltering himself under their excuses, he would merely say the Past Masters of the Confidence Lodge had in the past done all in their power to forward its interests, and nothing on their parts would be wanting in the future in the same direction. Bro. Shackell briefly replied to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. He had risen to respond to that toast a good many times during the 21 years he had been a member of this Lodge, and hoped to do so a good many more. He trusted he might be deserving of all the good things that had been said of him. The Officers of the Lodge came next, and on their behalf suitable acknowledgments were made by Bros. F. Silvester and G. P. Nightingale, soon after which the list was closed by the Tyler. During the evening selections of music and recitations were given, amongst those who contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren being Bros. Weston, Silvester, Davey, and Watkinson. Bro. Graves presided ably at the pianoforte.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 309.

ON Thursday evening, 7th instant, at the Red Lion Hotel, Bro. Douglas G. Gilmour, of Gosport, was installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year. There was an unusually large attendance, including representatives of every Lodge in the district. The ceremony was performed in a most efficient manner by Bro. J. W. Gieve, the retiring W.M., to whom a special vote of thanks was accorded for the ability displayed by him on the occasion. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. J. W. Gieve I.P.M., W. A. Hill S.W., Henry Cooke J.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. P.G.J.W. Treasurer, Rev. A. A. Headley P.M. P.P.G.C. Secretary, Dr. E. T. Crouch S.D., G. Harry J.D., Rev. F. J. Ashmall I.G., Harry Love Dir. of Cers., C. Smith and T. W. Haydon Stewards, E. H. Cooper Organist, R. Eames Tyler. The Worshipful Master, in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Gieve I.P.M. a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. Subsequently a banquet was served in the large hall, the excellent catering of Bro. G. Bond P.M. giving unqualified satisfaction. Amongst the members of the Lodge present, in addition to those named, were Bros. Edgar Goble P.M. P.G. Sec., A. R. Holbrook P.M., E. Goldsmith P.M., J. Mason P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Lyon, W. G. Leath, Leaver, H. E. Bate, Fraser, House, Worthington, Robins, and Brougball. The Visitors included Bros. Mark E. Frost P.P.G.S.W., Captain W. H. St. Clair, R.N., W.M. 2074 P.G. Reg., W. Gunnell W.M. 342 P.G. Supt. Wks., J. Gieve P.M. 1069 P.G.D.C., J. G. L. Stubbs W.M. 175, and E. Naylor W.M. 928 P.G. Stewards, Dupree W.M. 1069, T. P. Palsgrave P.M. 487, H. E. Loader W.M. 487, J. M. Foster W.M. 1776, G. T. Cunningham W.M. 1834, G. D. Lovegrove Organist 257, Thornton S.W. 903, Senior S.W. 1705, Waters, C. Reader, Chalcraft, and G. Bird.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 9th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. Fendick W.M. presided, supported by his Officers, several members and Past Masters, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Ossay W.M. 59, J. Langdon 1457, J. Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Tomlin 1815, Brecknell 1633, J. T. Duffery 1275, J. G. Deacon 39, A. J. Hudson 1627. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Fraser, a candidate for passing, was examined as to his proficiency and afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. The next business was to ballot for the admission of Mr. Alfred Joseph Coleman; this being unanimous in his favour and he being in attendance, was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. An appeal was made to the Lodge by a distressed brother, and a very handsome response was made to it by a contribution amongst the members. There being no farther business, the Lodge was closed, and an adjournment took place to the dining hall, where a substantial dinner was served. At its conclusion grace having been said, the Worshipful Master remarked that as that was an off-night he should give the customary toasts in a very brief and comprehensive form, which embraced the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. Baber I.P.M. said, that having assumed the Worshipful Master's gavel the brethren knew to what use he should apply it; this was to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. In doing so he should adopt his suggestion, and that was to be very brief in the observations he should make in proposing the toast. There was no doubt that he had filled the office with very great ability, and therefore he asked the brethren to drink his health with great cordiality, a request which was heartily responded to. The Worshipful Master, in responding to the toast, thanked Bro. Baber for the very kind terms in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordiality with which it had been received; he could assure them that he would discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability. He said the next toast he had to propose was that of their brother initiate. At all times The Great City Lodge was proud to receive the infusion of fresh blood amongst them, and he felt sure that their brother initiate would never regret the day when

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he was made a Mason. Bro. Stevens P.M. sang the "Entered Apprentice." Bro. Colman thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which his name had been received, and said that he was determined to prove himself a good Mason. The Worshipful Master next gave the Past Masters of the Lodge, to which Bros. Baber, Stevens, Headon, Freeman, Kibble, Keeble, and Blackie severally responded. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Visitors, who were always welcome at The Great City Lodge. That night they had not so many as usual, but those who were present might well bear comparison in point of quality, and in the name of the Lodge he gave them a hearty welcome. The Visitors severally returned thanks, expressing the pleasure they had experienced in seeing the working of the Lodge, as well as the hospitality which had been extended towards them. Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, speaking on behalf of the Masonic Charities, said, that was not the first time he had been the guest and received the hospitality of The Great City Lodge, as he was present at its consecration and saw Bro. Stevens, its first Master, installed into the chair, and he believed that he was the first Steward, when the Lodge gave £50 to appear on his list. Their Worshipful Master would this year represent the Lodge as its Steward, and he hoped that his list would be a successful one on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The list of applications was now closed, and numbered 136, but there were only 16 vacancies. That was a very unwelcome state of things, and especially so as amongst the candidates there were several over 60, some over 70, and some over 80 years of age, all seeking the benefits of this Institution. As all these candidates were men and women treading the down hill of life, it was a very serious thing to think of; also how such a state of things could be met. Boys and girls were often adopted by charitable and benevolent people, but he had never yet heard of any one adopting an old man or a woman, and there was no other place than the workhouse that was open to them unless this Institution took them in hand. It was an injunction impressed upon them, and indeed it was the duty of all to assist them in the declining years of their life, and make the closing days of it happy and comfortable. He felt sure that if the brethren could see the painful and distressing cases which were brought before the Committee of this Institution they would double the amount of the subscriptions they intended to place in the hands of their Worshipful Master. He wished to mention one fact which had occurred, when a brother 80 years of age applied to the Committee to become a candidate for the benefits of this Institution, but it appeared that he had only subscribed for 8½ years, whereas a subscription of 10 years was required to give him a qualification. He accordingly continued to subscribe, and at 84 years of age he was placed upon the funds, which he enjoyed for 18 years, and recently died, being then 102 years of age. This venerable centarian held a certificate of his birth, and therefore his age was known to be a fact. It is also a remarkable circumstance that this man left a widow upwards of 70 years of age, who now finds a home in the Institution. Let them see what they could do in support of the Worshipful Master's list, and aid the cause which they had so much at heart. Many could help one, and as he was addressing City men he knew that if a good case was brought before them they would support their Worshipful Master in a successful manner, and the first fruits of it would be to bring relief to their poor and distressed members. Several other toasts were given.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

THE members of this popular Lodge, which is mainly composed of the officials of the Corporation of the City of London, met, for the first time since the installation of Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright as Worshipful Master, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday evening last. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Colonel T. Davies Sewell P.M., J. Perkins S.W., C. W. Bowley P.M. acting as J.W., R. Pawley P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Turner P.M. Secretary, Major J. Perry Godfrey J.D., T. Whiddington D.C., T. Lovell Tyler, Lieut. V. Dunfee, E. F. Fitch, W. E. Bush, E. Pugh, H. E. Richards, Roberts, Williams (Visitor), and others. After the usual preliminaries, some routine business was transacted, but in consequence of many members of the Lodge having accepted invitations to the Lady Mayoress's juvenile fancy dress ball at the Mansion House, it was deemed advisable to postpone the more important business on the agenda until the emergency meeting convened for Wednesday. At the close of the Lodge the brethren and visitors dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., an excellent repast being provided, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Newton. In proposing the loyal toasts the W.M. observed that on an occasion like the present he did not propose to make any lengthy set speeches, but, there was one toast which was always drunk wherever loyal Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen assembled, and that was the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Her Majesty, as Patron of the Craft, took a deep interest in Freemasonry, and testified that interest by becoming a patron of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. In proposing the health of the Prince of Wales the W.M. expressed the hope that His Royal Highness might long continue in the capacity of Most Worshipful Grand Master. He had succeeded to a long line of Grand Masters. His predecessor, the Marquis of Ripon, was a most popular member of the Fraternity; before him was the Earl of Zetland; and in earlier times the office was held by uncles of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of York. The Prince of Wales did not appear quite so frequently amongst them as a Most Worshipful Grand Master might do were he a commoner, but he took a great interest in all that concerned Freemasonry, and they knew also that although he was not often amongst them, yet he was cognisant of all that transpired in connection with the Craft. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, in doing which he alluded to the Earl of Carnarvon as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and said his name would no doubt be frequently mentioned during the next few months, and he would have great anxiety on his mind. His lordship was known as a man of worth in the region of politics, and in Masonry, and more especially so in respect of antiquarian researches as vice-president of the Society of Antiquarians. The Earl of Lathom was also well-known in the Craft and in society. Both took a deep interest in all that concerned Freemasonry. They were not merely formal members, but both knew the ritual from beginning to end. There were many members of Grand Lodge belonging to the Alliance, but other duties had prevented them from attending on this occasion. Bro. C. W. Bowley P.M. then assumed the gavel, and in proposing the health of the W.M. sincerely congratulated the Lodge upon having so able and zealous a president; and said the manner in which he lately performed the ceremony of the investiture of his officers was something to be remembered. The Worshipful Master, after returning thanks for the compliment paid him, hoped that during his term of office he should merit the confidence and esteem of the brethren, if so, he should feel he had not occupied the chair in vain. Of course it was a very laudable ambition on the part of every Mason to become Master of his Lodge. He had looked forward to that distinction with considerable pleasure, and hoped to hand down the warrant of the Lodge pure and unsullied as he received it from his predecessors. He regretted that during the year there had been apparently a lack of interest in the working, but that arose from the fact of the Lodge being full. They were limited to 40 members, and that number was completed by the nomination that evening of Mr. Homewood Cranford, the City Solicitor. He knew there were several other gentlemen desirous of joining the Alliance Lodge, but unless the bye-laws were extended they could not be admitted. He should like the bye-laws to be extended, so as to have more work to do, but there seemed to be a feeling against it, though some were of a different opinion. He did not wish, however, having begun his Mastership so well, to hurt the feelings of any one, and, as two or three members had said they were not in favour of increasing their number at the present time, he should not propose that they do so. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair, and in doing so the W.M. expressed regret that their esteemed Secretary Bro. Turner had been called away early in the evening. Speaking of Bro. Pawley, as Treasurer of the Lodge since its commencement, he referred to the recognition of that brother's services by the presentation to him of a special jewel, voted to him unanimously by the brethren. By his kindness and courtesy Bro. Pawley had won the esteem of the brethren generally, and was in every respect one of its most active and valued members. Bro. Pawley P.M. in responding, returned his heartfelt and fraternal thanks for his name having been associated with the toast. He was one of the first instigators of the Lodge, and ever since he joined it the utmost kindness and respect had been shown towards him by every one of its members. It was to him a matter of satisfaction that in no single instance had a black mark been brought against him in respect of anything he had proposed or done in the Lodge. All he had done had been with the greatest possible earnestness, for the purpose of seeing the Alliance Lodge second to none; and he hoped to see it still better than it was. He was told he had given the greatest satisfaction to all the brethren, and hoped they would never find a blot upon his escutcheon as their Treasurer. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he said no man, however efficient he might be, could carry on the duties of his office unless he were ably seconded by those under him. He was thankful to say that the Officers he had chosen were quite equal to the duties they were called upon to perform, though he was sorry many of them were absent this evening, having accepted invitations to the Lady Mayoress's ball at the Mansion House. He then stated that it was through the kindness of Bro. Sir John Monckton that he had risen to the position he now occupied, and he hoped all the Officers would work up to the chair, and fulfil their duty to the Alliance Lodge. Next Saturday (the 9th inst.) he was to have the honour of installing the successor of Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson, as Master of the King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029, at 8A Red Lion Square. That was a Temperance Lodge, the only one in London, and a large gathering of Masons was expected. In conclusion he invited as many of the brethren as could make it convenient to be present on that occasion. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. C. W. Bowley P.M., Major Godfrey, and Bro. Whiddington; and Bros. H. C. Richards, E. Pugh, W. E. Bush, and Roberts responded for the lay members of the Lodge. The W.M. coupled with the Visitors the name of Bro. Williams, whose acquaintance he had made at The Great City Lodge of Instruction, which was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall Street, every Thursday evening, at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Williams had passed through the chair of his Lodge at Esher, the parish in which the late Bro. the Duke of Albany P.G.W. and Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire resided, and he had recently installed his successor there, according to established custom. Bro. Williams, after returning thanks, said from the way in which he had heard Bro. Lieut. Wright's working, he was sure he would prove a credit to Masonry, and to this Lodge in particular; and it would be a great loss to the Lodge if he had no initiates to take through the various ceremonies. He echoed what the W.M. had said respecting the excellence of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, and recommended all who wished to advance in the Craft to attend it. Some other complimentary toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was diversified with singing and recitations. At the close of the meeting the W.M. and Bro. H. C. Richards, by invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris, attended the Baddeley Festival at Drury Lane Theatre.

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DALCHO'S CONFLICTING OPINIONS ABOUT MASONRY.

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

FROM the very start of our Society the brethren have been grossly deceived, firstly by romancers, secondly by dreamers; the former supplied the legends, symbols and degrees; and the latter somehow managed to find meanings for the symbols and explanations for the legends, about which the original romancer never dreamed of, and as we had a succession of romancers we had also a succession of dreamers; and hence the ritual underwent a succession of changes; for instance, in the earliest Masonic catechism I find as follows—

Q.—What Lodge are you of?

A.—I am of the Lodge of St. Stephen.

St. John is not at all mentioned in the first ritual. But ritual tinker No. 2 made it "from the Lodge of St John," and tinker No. 3 made it "from the Lodge of the Holy St. John at Jerusalem;" and this improved answer convinced the dreamer that St. John was an eminent Mason, a Grand Master, and what not. Thus, even Mackey, in his Lexicon, assures us that "we do not dedicate our Lodges to the Saints because they were Christian Saints, but because they were eminent Masons." And when once such a notion is fastened upon the Fraternity it is at once

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claimed to be ancient, and, as a rule, everybody believes whatever the luminous Master tells him. Bro. Frederic Dalcho, though he was a scholar, philosopher, and a theologian, was not an exception to the rule; indeed, he even laboured under a disadvantage with which the earlier generation of dreamers were not troubled, for Dalcho's mind was further confirmed by the number of high degrees it was cram'med with. But Dalcho was an extraordinary man, and, I believe, an honest man too; hence, while in his early Masonic days he was exceedingly superstitious, in the latter part of his Masonic days he became exceedingly rational. I shall, therefore, give specimens from Dalcho's orations of 1801, 1802 and 1803, and afterwards I shall quote from Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon of 1822. Briefly then, in his early days he said—

"I am of opinion that the ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons was never a body of architects; that is, they were not originally embodied for the purpose of building, but were associated for moral and religious purposes." He then goes on to say that our manner of teaching was derived from the Druids, our emblems from Egypt, some things came from Basidides, and other things from the Greeks, and other things were derived from the Crusaders, the Pope, and what not; and after referring to the vast number of Masons accompanying the Crusaders to the holy land, he then goes on to explain how the original pious or philosophic society became associated with the building fraternity, viz., that "when Moses ordained the erection of the sanctuary, and afterwards, when Solomon was about to build the temple . . . they chose from among the people those whose wisdom and zeal for the true faith attached them to the worship of the Most High, and committed to them the erection of those works of piety. It was on these great occasions that our predecessors appeared to the world as architects.

These notions Bro. Dalcho probably derived from high degreedom, and they seem to have stuck to him. In the next oration he is very emphatic on the same topic. He says—

"It has been generally reported, and as generally believed, that our Society was instituted for architectural purposes by bandicraftsmen. What gave rise to this idea I am at a loss to determine, as the blue degrees have no written records to explain the difficulty; and tradition is too lame to give satisfaction to the scientific mind."

After referring to the famous circular issued by the Charleston High Degree Riters in 1802, of which new concern Dalcho was the first Sov. G. Commander,—and poor Dalcho of course believed in all the new cock and bull stories appertaining to the new Rite,—Bro. Dalcho goes on to reason after the following fashion. He says—

"We are, in a nameless Masonic degree, informed that a word was lost. If then Masonry took its rise from the creation, as our ancient records import (what records?) Masons must have been in possession of a word; hence, the changing of the word in the time of Solomon was an innovation of the fundamental principles of the Craft; this, however, we are unwilling to allow. It is well-known to the Blue Master that Solomon and his royal visitor were in possession of the real pristine word, but of which he (the Blue Master) must remain ignorant, unless initiated into the sublime degrees. The authenticity of this mystic word, as known to us, and for which our most respected Master died, is proven to the most sceptic mind from the sacred pages of Holy Writ, and the Jewish history from the earliest period of time."

After some more puffing up of the sublime degrees, and stating that the Talmud throws light upon these degrees, he goes on to say—

"It is well known that about 27,000 Masons accompanied the Christian Princes in the Crusades . . . . While in Palestine they discovered several important Masonic manuscripts, among the descendants of the ancient Jews, which enriched our archives with authentic written records (who saw those records?) and on which some of the degrees are founded.

"In the year 1311 some very extraordinary discoveries were made, and occurrences took place which renders the Masonic history of the period of the highest importance; a period dear to the Mason's heart, who is zealous for the course of the Order, his country, and his God." (Is not this a grand piece of bunkum?)

"Another very important discovery was made in the year 1553, of a record in Syriac characters, belonging to the most remote antiquity, and from which it would appear that the world is many thousand years older than given by the Mosaic account, an opinion entertained by many learned men. Few of the characters were translated until the reign of our illustrious and most enlightened Bro. Frederic, second King of Prussia, whose well-known zeal for the Craft was the cause of so much improvement in the Society over which he condescended to preside.

"From such of our records as are authentic" (where are they?) "we are informed of the establishment of the sublime and ineffable degrees in Scotland, France, and Prussia, immediately after the first Crusades, but from some circumstances, which are to us unknown, after the year 1658 they fell into neglect until the year 1744, when a nobleman from Scotland" (what nobleman?) "visited France, and re-established the Lodge of Perfection in Bordeaux."

So much of Dalcho the superstitious. And now for Dalcho the rationalist. In 1822, Dalcho wrote—

"Various indeed have been the speculations on this subject, the origin of Masonry, and great has been the labour . . . . of many . . . . to prove that every man of note, from Adam down to the present day, were Freemasons. But such round assertions are beneath the dignity of the Order, and would not be urged by men of letters. Neither Adam, nor Noah, nor Nimrod, nor Moses, nor Joshua, nor David, nor Solomon, nor Hiram, nor St. John the Baptist, nor St. John the Evangelist, belonged to the Masonic Order. . . . It is unwise to assert what we cannot prove. Hypothesis in history is absurd. There is no record, sacred or profane, to induce us to believe that these holy men were Freemasons, and our traditions do not go back to their days. To assert that they were Freemasons may make the vulgar stare, but will rather excite the contempt than admiration of the wise.

"It has been the practice of ingenious and zealous Masons to trace Freemasonry as far as probability extends, and then to call everything preceding that period 'Speculative Masonry.' This may satisfy a young Mason, but not an historian, nor an antiquary. Only allow me the liberty of writing on 'Speculative Masonry,' and like Milton, I would go into the invisible world, before the creation of man, and show that the cherubims and seraphims . . . are Royal Arch Masons . . . and yet this is just as probable as the far-fetched stories of many writers on Freemasonry."

Bro. Dalcho next pitches into the tradition that the world is indebted to Freemasons for preserving the Pentateuch, showing that the book was never lost, that Daniel, Ezra, and others possessed copies of the said book, and he says—

"To assert, therefore, that Fremasons preserved the law is as ridiculous as to assert that Saint Augustin, likewise called St. Austin, a Roman Catholic Bishop, &c., was at the head of the Fraternity, A.D. 600. He certainly appeared in England at the head of a fraternity, but it was of forty monks, who accompanied him from Rome, and not of Freemasons.

"Freemasonry has likewise been identified by some zealous Masons with the Eleusinian mysteries, for no other reason, as far as I can discover, than to prove its antiquity. These mysteries were of Egyptian origin, and were probably instituted about 1390 B.C. They were at first religious, and taught the unity of the Supreme God. . . . But at length the symbols which they used to denote the Spiritual regeneration of the initiated, were forgotten, and the most horrid impurities were practised under cover of night; God forbid, therefore, that Masonry should ever have been identified with these mysteries," &c.

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Dalcho, it seems from the above remarks that even in 1822 he was not altogether free from the habit—dreaming or guessing—which he acquired during his early Masonic days; for how did he know what the Eleusinian mysteries taught, first or last? The fact is, he knew nothing about them. He also could not entirely divest himself of the notion that the origin of Masonry was for doctrinal purposes. He did not indeed believe in the very greatest antiquity of Masonry, but ascribed it to the Christian era; he imagined that the custom of dedicating Lodges to St. John was very old, and that the ritual was also old, and like many cranky dreamers who see the Trinity in everything where the word three occurs, Dalcho of course discovered any number of Trinities in the ritual. This, together with the dedication of Lodges to St. John, to say the least, puzzled him. Dalcho did not know what Bro. Lyon has disclosed, viz.:—that in the middle ages every Lodge had a different patron

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saint. He did not know that there is no evidence whatever that the system of dedicating Lodges is older than 1723, and he did not notice that in Anderson's form of dedicating Lodges, the St. Johns are not mentioned. To which I must add, that we now have five Masonic rituals, ranging between the years 1723 and 1730, each containing an O.B., and each O.B. is minus of the words "dedicated to St. John." Hence we may rationally infer that Lodges were not dedicated to St. John even as late as 1730; at what precise period the fashion of dedicating to the Saint began I know not, perhaps Bro. Gould, who discovered several early rituals, will be kind enough to enlighten us upon the subject. Any how, it cannot be denied that Dalcho did not know as much about Masonic history as we know now. But, on the other hand, when we take into consideration the historic cloud of darkness in which the Craft was enveloped in the time of Dalcho, we should not feel surprised at what Dalcho did not know, but at what he did know. Dalcho may truly be called the pioneer of Masonic rationalism; for his conclusions have since then been confirmed by the best Masonic historians of Germany, Scotland, and England.

Bro. Dalcho also called attention to a paper written by Sir Christopher Wren in the *Philosophical Transactions*, which paper was criticised in the *Quarterly Review*, Vol. 24, p 145 (should be Vol. 25). In that paper Sir Christopher ascribed the origin of the Masonic Fraternity, not to Adam, nor Solomon, nor the Saints John, nor King Athelstan, nor to a religious, moral, or philosophical society, but he says:

"That the holy war gave the Christians, who had been there, an idea of the Saracenic works. . . . The Italians (among whom were yet some Greek refugees), and with them the French, Germans, and Flemings, joined into a fraternity of architects, procuring papal bulls for their encouragement. . . . They styled themselves Free Masons, and ranged from one nation to another, as they found churches to be built."

In Halliwell's poem it is stated that Aubrey received the above tradition from Sir William Dugdale, and that the said event took place about the time of Henry III. of England. Sir Christopher, therefore, most probably got the above story from Aubrey. Whether this story is true or not is immaterial, but it furnishes presumptive evidence that when Sir Christopher wrote that paper he was not a Mason, for otherwise he would at least have referred to the old Masons' legends. I took the trouble to consult the *Quarterly Review*, but I could not learn the year when Sir Christopher wrote the said paper. But anyhow, whether Wren was a Mason or not, it is certain that he did not believe in our so-called "Masonic traditions."

BOSTON, U.S., 25th December 1885.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 12th ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, when a goodly number attended. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. H. W. Caspard, assisted by Brothers R. A. Kinsbury S.W., B. Fuld J.W., J. S. Miller S.D., S. Lancaster J.D., T. Levy I.G., Past Master Baron D. Barnett Secretary and Organist, Moss D.C., A. Oberdoerffer Tyler. Visitors—Bros. A. J. Martin I.P.M. 188, Newton Truscott 1593, J. Wynman W.S. 188. After the minutes had been confirmed, it was proposed by Bro. Clabon and seconded by the W.M. that a vote of sympathy and condolence should be placed on the minutes with regard to the death of a son of Past Master Baron D. Barnett, which was unanimously agreed to. Afterwards the ballot was taken for Mr. Isaac Reed, proposed for initiation by Bro. Levy, and seconded by Bro. Lancaster; Mr. Alfred H. Marks, proposed by Bro. Lancaster, seconded by Bro. Levy; Mr. Jacob Benjamin, proposed by Bro. Fuld, seconded by Bro. Barnett. The initiation was conducted by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Bro. Joseph Van Praagh, after having answered the usual questions in a perfect manner, was passed. Here again the working was excellent. Some other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Past Master Loewenstark, in responding for the Past Masters, thanked the W.M. for his kindness in proposing the toast; he had the pleasure to inform the brethren he was the first W.M. of the Samson Lodge and was delighted to see it so prosperous, the excellent working of the W.M. that evening had given great satisfaction. Other P.M.'s also replied. The W.M. next proposed the health of the three Initiates; by the earnest attention they had shown that evening there was no doubt that in due time they would occupy honourable positions in the Craft. After suitable responses had been made, Bro. Quincey P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., which was most cordially received and responded to; Bro. Jaques Wynman making special allusion to the compliment paid by the W.M., who had spoken of him as one of the representatives of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Songs by Bros. Moss, Miller and others added to the enjoyment of a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1780.

AT the meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday afternoon, the 5th instant, Bro. W. A. Algan was duly installed Worshipful Master, and afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. P.M. James Ireland I.P.M., J. W. Bailey S.W., Geo. Heathcote J.W., W. Foster S.D., E. Warren J.D., G. Longshaw I.G., W. Berry Secretary, James Ireland Treasurer, B. Tanner D. of C., James McKie and H. Hussey Stewards, and Vere Tyler. The installation ceremony was performed by Brother P.M. Berry, and there were present the Past Masters of the Royal Gloucester, Peace and Harmony, Southampton, Clausentum, Shirley, Aldershot, Lymington, and other Lodges. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, supplied by Bro. Dartnell, of which 60 partook, including the Mayor of Southampton, Bro. H. Coles, and ex-Mayor, Bro. James Bishop. Bro. P.M. Ireland was unable to be present on account of an accident he received about a month ago, and the Sheriff of Southampton, Bro. E. Brown, also sent a letter of apology for inability to attend.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their annual meeting on Monday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. Charles H. Everett, the W.M. of the past year, who was supported by Bros. George Everett I.P.M., George Gardner S.W., Richard Harvey J.W., F. Lawrance Treasurer, Harry Price Secretary, W. Gomm S.D., W. A. Dowling J.D., J. Brown D.C., H. Furze I.G., C. Riechelmann Organist, A. H. Strong Steward, T. C. Walls Hon P.M., George Rowe Tyler, and the following Visitors: John Jacobs W.M. 1614, S. Hewett 1614, E. A. Tilbury 975, Arthur Williams I.G. 2030, A. H. Shepherd I.G. 781, D. P. Cama W.M. 2105, H. J. Stollery S.W. 209, L. A. Da Costa J.D. 1349, E. Ayling P.M. 995, H. Jackson 780, J. A. Blount 1471, R. J. Petley 1471, W. Johnson P.M. 865, C. A. Walter P.M. 865 P.G.D. Middlesex, R. Whitley 946 P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, L. Hollingsworth 1501, E. F. Crowe 1828, W. M. Adamson P.M 834, H. E. Price 1744, G. Reynolds I.G. 1614, W. Causton P.M. 162, N. Defries P.M. 185, G. A. Payne P.M. 933, V. Wing J.D. 1585, G. Thomas I.G. 1194, A. Pringle J.W. 92, E. Gilbert P.M. 1326, J. E. Risch 1150, W. H. Norman 144, Alfred Barden W.M. 11, C. Parnacott 145, W. Regeatur 14, F. Binckes P.G.S., John Edwards W.M. 1662, R. White P.M. 26, G. T. King W.M. 749, and others. The business before the Lodge comprised the confirmation of the minutes, the reception of the Auditors' report, the admission of Lord George Hamilton as a joining member, the raising of Bro. John Thomas Wood, and the passing of Bros. William Henry Meacock, and John Ellis; after which Bro. George Gardner was regularly installed as Worshipful Master for the year, Bro. George Everett, the Father of the Lodge, performing the work in a very graceful manner. The following were appointed as the Officers:—Harvey S.W., Gomm, J.W., Dr. Lawrance Treasurer, Furze Secretary, Dowling S.D., Brown J.D., &c. The installation ceremony having been completed, in due course Messrs. Alfred James Murray, Frederick Will Dodson, and Richard Newton Stollery were introduced as candidates for initiation. Brother Gardner admitted them to the mysteries of Masonry in regular form, and then proceeded to close the Lodge. Two propositions were handed in from gentlemen desirous of being initiated. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Brother George Everett for the way in which he had that day performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of ten guineas was made from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which Charity Brother Gardner W.M. will act as Steward at the next Festival. A vote of thanks was also passed to Brother Harry Price for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary. In proposing this the Worshipful Master felt that the brethren would regret, with him, that Brother Price found his numerous engagements precluded him continuing in office. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet. At its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured. The Worshipful Master made a special toast of the newly affiliated member, Brother Lord George Hamilton, who he was pleased to welcome as a member of English Craft Masonry. It was an especial pleasure to receive him in their midst, because he came of so good a Masonic family. His late father had reigned for the last ten years of his life as the Masonic ruler of Ireland, and had been followed in that office by his son, the elder brother of their joining member that evening. This was the only instance, but one, in which a son had succeeded his father as a Grand Master of Freemasons in the United Kingdom, the other instance being when the Duke of Atholl succeeded his father as Grand Master of England. It was an especial honour to the Chiswick Lodge that so distinguished a family should be represented on its roll, and the Worshipful Master hoped that they might prove themselves worthy of the honour. Lord George Hamilton, in the course of his reply, thanked the Worshipful Master for having deviated from his programme in order to allow him to leave somewhat early. He should have no objection to spend the jovial evening with them—should rather enjoy it—but other business had to be attended to and he was obliged to leave. As their Master had said, his family had taken a great interest in Freemasonry for many years past. He and his brothers had been initiated, and had taken their several steps in the Order in Ireland, where, especially in the Northern parts, no institution tended more to unite men together in good fellowship than did Freemasonry. Referring to the universality of Freemasonry Lord G. Hamilton said that during last autumn he and his brother had been travelling in America. Among other places they visited Chicago,

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and the mere fact that two Freemason visitors were among them was sufficient to arouse the kindest sentiments among the brethren of that city. They decided to give a grand banquet in honour of their guests, but this was prevented, as he and his brother were unable to stay for it. When he found it was all but certain he should spend a greater part of the coming year in England, he decided he should like to join an English Lodge, where he might have an opportunity of continuing the pleasant associations which were always connected with such an Institution; there was then no wonder he should select a Lodge in a district with which he was intimately associated, and thus he had joined the Chiswick Lodge, to the members of which he was deeply grateful for the hearty reception they had accorded him. The knowledge of the great influence which Masonry exercised was the reason why he and other members of his family were so pleased to be associated with it, and he hoped that the same friendly relations might always continue. He concluded by again thanking the members for the readiness and cordiality with which they had welcomed him—a Lodgeless wanderer in Britain—to a participation in their benefits. As we have already said, the usual toast list was gone through, but the exigencies of the train service necessitated several of the brethren leaving at this part of the evening's proceedings.

EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Saturday, the 2nd instant, at the Cock Hotel, Epping, the following members being present:—Bros. E. Lewis W.M., James Salmon S.W., J. Woodrow J.W., J. London S.D., H. Fletcher J.D., Fraser I.G., J. Fletcher Org., W. Dance P.M. Sec., E. J. Acworth P.M. Treas., Parkinson Tyler, and others. Among the Visitors were Bros. Fidler P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 1237 &c., Buck P.P.S.G.W. Essex P.M. 453 &c., Vincent P.G.S.B. Surrey, T. Ralling P.G. Secretary Essex, J. Edwardes P.M. 1457, Nunn W.M. 1457, Corble W.M. 453, Medwin P.M. 192, Gibbs W.M. 1613, Haig-Brown P.M. 174 W.M. 1962, Reid 1364, Dale 1613, and many others. Bro. F. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M. Essex being detained, did not arrive until after the ceremony of installation. After the usual business of the Lodge the W.M. elect, Bro. James Salmon, was installed into the chair of K.S. in ancient form by Bro. Holloway P.M. 1457, &c. The W.M. was pleased to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—E. J. Lewis P.M. I.P.M., Acworth P.M. Treas., Dance P.M. Sec., J. Woodrow S.W., J. London J.W., Fraser S.D., F. Johnson J.D., Hughes I.G., J. Fletcher Org., Parkinson Tyler. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, Bro. Lawrence, the host, providing a capital dinner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Philbrick D.G.M., in responding for the Provincial Grand Master, &c., said: It is no slight honour to return thanks for the head of the Masonic Province of Essex, and of those who are associated with him in governing the Craft of the Province. I am sure that we Masons of Essex can look with the greatest pride upon our present Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, and I am quite sure that the more he shows himself amongst us, and the better opportunities we have of becoming acquainted with him, the better we shall like him. For myself, I am extremely glad to be once more amongst my Epping brethren, and I may tell you that this is the first time that I have been able and permitted to be out of my house after a severe illness. I am glad to be with you because I do not forget that just twelve months ago I had the privilege of taking part in the consecration of this Lodge. I am glad to know that the Lodge is prosperous, and I am sure that a steady increase of members who will become good working Masons and maintain the principles of the Craft, is the best guarantee for its success; and I trust that the progress of this Lodge will support a good foundation, for if you hurry the foundation you may endanger the stability of the superstructure. In conclusion, I have to tender your W.M. my sincere good wishes upon his accession to the chair. In response to the toast of the W.M., Bro. Salmon said:—I am very pleased to have been elected W.M. of this Lodge. It has been my ambition to occupy the chair, and now that I do so, I hope that during my year of office I shall have plenty of initiates. I shall endeavour to carry out my duties to your satisfaction, and I trust that at the end of the period I shall merit that meed of praise which is always so welcome to the retiring Master of a Lodge. Other toasts followed. The proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, contributed by Miss Madeleine Hardy, Miss Venning, Bro. Latte, and others. A pleasant item was the rendering of a song, "The Men of England," composed by the W.M. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

AN emergency meeting of the above Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion-square, Holborn, for the purpose of initiating Mr. W. H. Bullock jun., a Lewis. The ceremony was very impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks who at its close presented the newly-made brother with a handsome Bible, decorated with Masonic emblems, and suitably inscribed, on account of his being the first initiate of the new Lodge. The draft Bye-laws were afterwards discussed, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, at the Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E. Present—Bros. Randall W.M., Isaacs S.W., Maloney J.W., Cox Treasurer, Da Costa S.D., Fort (Secretary) J.D., Cohen I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Brother Levine acting as candidate. Bro. Da Costa worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had rehearsed the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present:—Bros. Kirk W.M., Flack S.W., Potter J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Brett J.D., Keogh I.G. After preliminaries, Bro. Forge, as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Forge candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first, when a guinea was voted to the Aged Freemasons' Entertainment Fund. Lodge was closed in due form.

We are compelled to hold over several items of news, reports, &c., in consequence of pressure on our space.

AMUSEMENTS.

PRINCESS'S.—At 8, HOODMAN BLIND.
HAYMARKET.—At 8, NADJEZDA.
LYCEUM.—At 7.45, FAUST.
PRINCE'S.—At 8, ANDY BLAKE. At 9, THE GREAT PINK PEARL.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, IMPULSE.
AVENUE.—At 8, KENILWORTH.
CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 9, THE CANDIDATE.
SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.30, THE SHAUGHRAUN.
HENGLER'S GRAND CIRQUE.—Every evening at 7.30; Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 2.30 and 7.30.
ST. GEORGE'S HALL.—Mr. and Mrs. GERMAN REED'S entertainment, every evening at 8.
MOHAWK MINSTRELS, Royal Agricultural Hall.—Every evening at 8.
MOORE AND BURGESS MINSTRELS, St. James's Hall.—Every evening at 8; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, at 3 and 8.
EGYPTIAN HALL.—Messrs. MASKELYNE AND COOKE. Every afternoon at 3. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 3.0 and 8.0.
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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 JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1621—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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Scientific Chapter of Improvement, Queen Anne-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1356—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1887—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristo

MONDAY, 18th 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, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 40 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (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
2003—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
239—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
825—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
954—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.

1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1669—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1673—Save and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
1677—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 130—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 744—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 950—St. Aubyn, Edgcumbe Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 19th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1—30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Caledonian, Jockeys Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
74—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
96—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
148—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, Crane-street Hotel,
273—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
534—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, 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)
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)
1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

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. 40—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, 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
1280—Walton, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
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
1793—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
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. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 20th 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (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.
180—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
548—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
619—Beaden, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
811—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pearson'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—Purdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1362—Corinthian, George Inn, Glebe Hall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 562 Old Kent-road at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1611—Wanderers, Admiral Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1633—Beaconsfield, Carpenters, 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)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 148—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Hotel Great Western, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 1492—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1934—Dorie, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

29—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire

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175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
350—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
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, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
968—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpier Point, Sussex
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

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. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
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
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY.

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)
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)
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)
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.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1308—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
1428—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)
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.
1626—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1956—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
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
466—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1012—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1687—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1817—St. Andrews, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 253—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Hastingden
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
749—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbar, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1842—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Nottingham, at 8. (Instruction)
1889—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., Lovelinhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

491—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staindrop
533—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
560—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
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
1903—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 1089—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
194—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.
871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
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. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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IMITATIONS OF FREEMASONRY.

IT is not necessary for us to give evidences of that imitation which is the sincerest form of flattery to prove the high opinion in which Freemasonry is held by the world in general; if it were, we might point to almost every society or brotherhood established for the purpose of relieving the necessities of its members, and claim each of them as imitators of Freemasonry, for in nearly every instance can we find traces of either the ritual, the forms or the ceremonies of Freemasonry, while in some the similarity is so strong as to induce the belief that the one is but a clumsy copy of the other. But while all, or nearly all of these societies, may be termed imitators of Freemasonry many of them have extended the sphere of their operations far beyond the scope of Freemasonry, with results more or less beneficial or disastrous in different instances. In England it is the boast of a very large section of the Masonic brethren that Freemasonry is not a benefit society. Admission to its ranks is open to all free men of good character, but it has no advantages of a pecuniary nature to offer to those who seek a participation in its mysteries. Its labours are directed rather to the improvement of a man's moral character, than the state of his finances, but this is not the case with some of the imitations of Freemasonry, the advocates of which appear to vie with each other in offering inducements to attract new members. We have before us an instance in the "Chosen Friends," a "Fraternal Society, 30,000 strong," which is being advertised in some of the American papers as "organised on the basis of Masonry and Odd Fellowship." Really we are inclined to think that Free and Accepted Masonry is not only old in point of age, but is also old fashioned in the way its affairs are conducted, when we read of the benefits this new Society is able to offer its members, but we will let our readers judge for themselves. This imitation of Freemasonry offers "3,000 dollars secured! A safe investment for Merchants, Professional Men, Clerks, Employers, and Employes, as soon as a person becomes a Chosen Friend." This sum, says the advertisement, being "as securely invested as if it was in a Trust Company." What do English Craftsmen think of this? Is it desirable, in face of such counter attractions, to continue Freemasonry as a non-benefit Society? Is it not rather desirable that we should discover on what basis these "Chosen Friends" work, and inaugurate a similar system among Freemasons, to entitle each member to "3,000 dollars, as securely invested as if in a Trust Company?" Are we acting up to the principles of Freemasonry if we allow such an opportunity of benefiting our fellow creatures—and ourselves—to pass? If a comparatively new society, *only* 30,000 strong, can offer 3,000 dollars fully secured to each of its members, how much could Freemasonry offer, with its hundreds of years' existence, and its branches spread over the four quarters of the Globe. We almost imagine ourselves rich, all we want to know is, how is it done? Must we become a "Chosen Friend" to find out, and if so, where shall we find the nearest "Council?"

Do such imitations as this have any effect on Freemasonry?—is a question which might naturally be put by any one reading of this scheme, and in reply we should say, Yes. The effect may be very insignificant, but it is doubtless existent. Just as surely as there are fools in the world to be caught by such absurd promises, so are there men who will believe that such societies as the one referred to are "organised on the basis of Masonry," and they will carry their belief so far as to actually associate the Society with Freemasonry. When they are duped by some Chosen or unchosen Friend they will blame Masonry for it—because the Society they joined made use of the name of Freemasonry—without authority it is unnecessary to say—and so we get a bad reputation. This, however does not materially affect us. Freemasonry can boast a career of usefulness for ages past; it has done good work in days gone by, and is doing a good work now, but it teaches that Truth is one of the grandest of principles, and if associated with Brotherly Love and Relief is sufficient to keep together a Fraternal Society *more* than 3,000 strong, without any such nonsense as offering to each of its members 3,000 dollars fully secured. If our imitators would copy our great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and act up to them, they would do us no harm, while they would greatly benefit themselves.

FREEMASONRY.

THE student of the Science of Masonry, who is desirous of elucidating the reason of its existence, its history, its objects, its mysteries and its works, will naturally be attracted at first to a consideration of its name and title.

The designation of this Brotherhood, the title so proudly owned by all its members, is "The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons."

A critical disquisition on the component parts of this title would involve years of labour. Hundreds and thousands of volumes have been written on the various subjects of which it would be found necessary to treat, but the salient points may perhaps be briefly indicated, so as to awaken thoughtful consideration and a desire for further information regarding our world-wide and world-famed Institution.

It is "ancient," as having existed from time immemorial. There can be no doubt about its antiquity. A great number of theories have been advanced at one time or another as to the origin of Freemasonry, but none of them have been entirely satisfactory, from the simple fact that the Order is so Ancient that it is impossible to trace its beginning. Certain writers have traced it somewhat clearly to the Associations of Builders of the Middle Ages, those wondrous architects whose Cathedrals and Churches and public edifices are the most astonishing erections that the whole history of mankind has ever exhibited. These great works are marvels of beauty and solemnity, with a magnificence of thought and decoration entirely unapproached by all the improvements of modern times and to an appreciative beholder they convey an impression that can never be effaced from the memory.

Other writers have traced a connection of Freemasonry with the Roman *Collegia Fabrorum*, or Colleges of Builders, which were instituted by Numa Pompilius in the year 715 B.C. These colleges were really Fraternities. They had their own laws and their own judiciary. They were free of all contributions to the city or state. They had lodges, and their labours in the lodges were always preceded by religious ceremonies. They had

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secret ceremonies and different degrees of membership, with secrets peculiar to each degree. The Presidents of the colleges were called Masters or Teachers (*Magistri*), and their membership was composed of men of all countries and of different beliefs. In nearly all these particulars we find a striking similarity in the Freemasonry of the present day.

A few of our authors have gone further back still. The City of Nineveh was one of the most ancient cities of the world. It is supposed that it was the first city built after the flood. Its ruins have been examined and investigated in modern times, and it is stated to be an undoubted fact that the Builders' Marks found on the stones in the ruins of the ancient City of Nineveh are identical with the Freemasons' marks of the present time. It may therefore be safely asserted that this similarity is a strong proof of the Antiquity of Freemasonry.

It is also known to the initiated that in the ceremonies of Freemasonry there is internal evidence of its antiquity. Some of these ceremonies are evidently founded on incidents and circumstances which took place at the building of the Great Temple at Jerusalem by King Solomon, and which are preserved only in Freemasonry. Likewise the use of corn, wine and oil in the ceremonies of Consecration and Dedication is clearly traceable to a similar custom practised by the Romans.

At all events, whatever may have been its origin, Freemasonry is the most Ancient Fraternity that is now in existence. So much for its antiquity.

Freemasonry is "honourable." It is honourable because "by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honourable who are strictly obedient to its precepts." One of its fundamental principles is the practice of social and moral virtue. It is honourable because its teachings inculcate the highest morality. Whatever may be mysterious about its origin, there is no secret about its principles. It is based on universal benevolence, universal brotherhood and universal charity.

It is honourable because its objects and aims are pure and good. It is always to be found on the side of Humanity and Progress. It is essentially Philanthropic, Philosophic and Progressive. Its objects are the investigation of truth, the study of universal morals, science and art, and the exercise of benevolence. There may be, and doubtless there are, many members of the Society who do not realize this high ideal, who do not know the high objects and aims of the service in which they are called upon to assist, but that is not the fault of the Institution, and those who study it in the light of these designs and intentions will find themselves amply repaid.

It is honourable from the long line of illustrious and honourable men who have given their time and their talents to further its interests, to engage in its work and to prosecute its designs. The wise and good of all nations have been connected with Freemasonry, and have found in that connection ample scope for their highest and best efforts. Kings and Princes have been proud to wear its badges and share its labours. Church and State have contributed their quota. Professional men, merchants, artificers and all classes are to be found represented in the ranks of Freemasonry. A society so attractive to the best thought and the best minds must be worthy of all respect. Surely Freemasonry is Honourable.

Freemasonry is a Fraternity. One of its leading features is that every Freemason is Brother to his fellows. This Brotherhood is independent of all distinctions. It is not dependent on nationality, race or religion. It is free from any and all considerations of colour, clime or form. It is uninfluenced by political divisions or the distractions of statecraft. Men of the most diverse opinions find in Freemasonry a common meeting-place where they can unite in the prosecution of a common aim. It forms the centre of union between good men and true.

In this connection, the Universality of Freemasonry is a characteristic of its Fraternity. In all parts of the civilised world you will find Freemasons. Wherever civilisation exists you will find Brothers of the mystic tie. The Freemason will find friends wherever he goes, friends bound to him with the same ties of Brotherhood, brothers ready to help and assist him, to cheer him on his way, to comfort him in sickness or distress, and to render to him those kindly offices so dear to the true lover of his fellow-man. If a traveller in a strange land, he needs few letters of introduction, the fraternal grip of a Freemason will amply supply their place.

As a Fraternity, Freemasonry joins in the ties of closest friendship those who otherwise would be widely separated and who would remain perpetually apart. It exercises the principles of a Brotherhood by improving the character of its members, by giving them broader views of their relations to one another, and by inducing them to improve their condition in life and to reach a higher ideal of usefulness.

In following out these designs, Freemasonry binds each of its members to all the others by the most fraternal ties to succour and relieve a Brother when necessary, and to extend a helping hand to those who were dependent upon him when they are deprived of his protecting care. In these good works all must take part. It is impossible to belong to a Masonic Lodge without helping to support some scheme of benevolence. From the moment of his initiation the neophyte is like a cog in a mighty wheel, and he can no more help moving on with the rest of the machinery in the direction of good deeds than the wheel itself can help turning while the motive power exercises its impellent force.

The earliest lesson in Freemasonry is one of charity and toleration, and no individual torpor or demerit can long withstand the beneficial influence of the rules of Freemasonry. It may then be safely asserted that the whole system of Freemasonry is calculated and designed to inculcate and enforce the sentiments and practice of a Brotherhood or Fraternity.

Masons are "Free and Accepted." Free alike in the technical sense, and free also in the utmost liberality of thought and action. Freemasonry requires a perfect freedom of inclination in every candidate for its mysteries. It is of his own free will and accord that he comes forward to join its ranks, and it is of his own free will that he takes upon himself the obligations and duties of a member of the Craft.

Many speculations have been indulged in as to the why and wherefore of the terms "free" and "accepted." The word "free," in connection with operative Masons, originally signified that the person so called was free of the guild or company of Masons, that is, in full membership and entitled to all the privileges of the society, the right to do the highest class of work and to receive the highest wages. The operative Masons who were not free of the guild were not permitted to work with those who were. This distinction still exists in many parts of Europe. The term was perhaps first used in the tenth century, when the travelling Freemasons were incorporated by the Roman Pontiff.

"Accepted" is equivalent to initiated. It alludes to the acceptance by the operatives of those who were not previously members of the guild or company.

One writer asserts that Masons were declared "free" by King Solomon, and termed "accepted" by Cyrus, the founder of the Persian Monarchy, the Conqueror of Babylon, through whose instrumentality the Jews were delivered from captivity and allowed to return to Jerusalem. Also, that they were invested with the privileges of bearing arms and freedom from taxation by Darius, the Mede, and Artaxerxes, the son of Xerxes.

Our Masonic tradition is, that after the building of King Solomon's Temple, the initiated were declared "free" and exempted from all imposts, duties and taxes for them and their descendants; for, as the remnant of the Canaanites employed as labourers and bearers of burdens were associated with the free-born at the erection of this edifice, a distinguishing appellation became necessary to prevent confusion, as well as peculiar privileges to excite emulation. This appellation was "accepted," and the privileges were a perfect immunity from all contributions to the service of the State. A similar plan was pursued by Zerubbabel at the building of the Second Temple, when Freemasonry was revived after the captivity in Babylon. These occurrences affixed to Masons the honourable and permanent designation of "free and accepted."

Lastly, the members of this Fraternity are "Masons," anciently and originally, beyond a doubt, operative mechanics, stone-masons who carried on their handicraft by manual labour and with the actual tools and implements of their calling. Modernly, they are Speculative Masons, who apply these tools as symbols of great moral truths, and who have extended the system to embrace all science and art, and who have laid under contribution all operative terms as symbolical of greater realities to form a comprehensive plan of the highest morality.

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The word "Mason" has many fanciful derivations, such as the Persian "Magi," or disciples of Zoroaster, the founder of the Parsee religion (and, by the way, the Magi had three degrees, called Disciples, Masters and Complete Masters); a Hebrew word, *mawsang* or *masan*, signifying a stone quarry; a Greek word meaning a mystery, and many others. There is plenty of room for the inquirer to speculate to his heart's content in this direction.

It has thus been shown that the titular designation of Freemasonry comprises matters of the most interesting description. Much more might be said upon these various topics. Their significance is capable of being greaty extended. We have, however, written simply to direct, to interest, and, if possible, to instruct. To acquire knowledge and to impart information are duties incumbent upon every conscientious member of "*The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.*"—*Freemason's Repository.*

THE VARIOUS IMPLEMENTS OF MASONRY.

AS emblematic of our conduct in life, these afford us useful lessons which we would do well to heed. The Holy Bible is one of the great lights of the Craft, one that we cannot fail to follow up if we would be true to our principles, and measure up to the standard required of us. It will guide us in the way of truth, that adorns and strengthens the character of the man. It will guide us in the way of true and abiding happiness, and secure for us an entrance into the Grand Lodge Room on high. "It enriches the memory, it elevates the reason, it enlivens the imagination, it directs the judgment, it moves the affections, it controls the passions, it quickens the conscience, it strengthens the will, it kindles the sacred flame of faith, hope and charity, it purifies, ennobles, sanctifies the whole man, and brings him into a living union with God. It has light for the blind, strength for the weak, food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty; it has a counsel in precept for every sorrow, a balm for every wound; of all the books in the world the Bible is the only one of which we never tire, but which we admire and love more and more in proportion as we use it. Like the diamond, it casts its lustre in every direction; like a torch, the more it is shaken the more it shines; like a healing herb, the harder it is pressed the sweeter is its fragrance." The Holy Bible lies open before every member of the Order, and points out the whole duty of man. Walk in this great light that you may reflect honour upon that Order, whose foundation principles are the truths herein revealed.

Then by other emblems we are taught to regulate our actions, our every movement by the principles of morality and virtue; and in our different stations among men and before God, to walk uprightly, circumscribing our desires within proper limits. We are also directed to move right onward in the way of truth, turning neither to the right nor to the left, and to avoid in our conversation and actions, dissimulation. The earnest student, as he advances in Masonry, may also learn lessons appropriate to the three principal stages in human life, viz.:—youth, manhood and age; and if true to these lessons, he may, as a Master Mason, "enjoy the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality." Let all the implements and emblems of Masonry be carefully used and closely studied, and we shall ever and always deserve the title of "good men and true." We will come more fully to understand our duty to God, and to each other; there will indeed be enkindled in our hearts a flame of devotion to God, of brotherly love to each other, and charity to all mankind.—*Detroit Freemason.*

MARK MASONRY.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Thursday evening, the 10th instant. Bro. J. P. Lewin I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W. East Anglia, in the chair, through illness of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Eustace. The principal business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. Thomas G. Mills S.W., who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Fred. A. Cole was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Munson Tyler. Great regret was expressed at the illness of the W.M., with best wishes for his speedy recovery.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, on 14th inst., Bro. H. C. Manners S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. W. Faulkner P.P.J.G.W., in a most impressive manner, and the working throughout was excellently done. After taking the chair the W.M. expressed his thanks to the Lodge for the honour they had conferred on him, and proceeded to invest his Officers. It was unanimously decided to present the I.P.M., Bro. Roberton, with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered during his year of office. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. H. C. Manners W.M., R. Roberton I.P.M., T. W. Faulkner P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, G. A. Mursell P.S.G.D. Sec., H. C. Damont S.W., F. Rutland J.W., J. Leftwich S.D., A. Lee J.D., J. C. Airs P.M. D.C., H. Wheeler P.M. Reg., A. Barfield P.P.J.G.D. Charities Committee, F Ransome Organist, R. Cullingford I.G., T. M. Taylor and A. Perry Stewards, Young Tyler. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Among those present in addition to the Officers were Bros. O. Haxthausen P.M., F. W. Dyett, W. Snellgrove, S. S. Wheeler, G. Chambers, C. Stock, W. Trew, E. Poland, F. Osborne, F. C. Hayes, and G. A. Brannon 151, George Pack P.M. 175, M. J. Speir and S. A. Wiltshire 245, G. Brown 328, C. J. Huntoun 940, J. C. Hopwood S.D. 1457, R. Kirk, W. Dodson, H. Robinson, and G. Dickenson S.D. 1681, T Wilkins 1780, John Bailey W.M, A. Greenham S.W., and J. H. Brown 1884. After the Lodge was closed a large number of the brethren partook of a banquet, provided at the Fountain Hotel, to which ample justice was done. Due honour was given to the first toasts, Queen and Craft and the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M.'s reference to the personal qualities of His Royal Highness, which were well-known to many present, meeting with enthusiastic approval. The W.M. then proposed the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. and the Grand Lodge of England, R.W. Bro. Beach and the P.G. Officers, present and past. He paid a high eulogium to the Prov. Grand Master for his great services to the Craft, and his unfailing courtesy, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Mursell P.S.G.D., Barfield P.P.J.G.D., and Pack P.P.J.G.D. The toast was responded to by the brethren named, who fully endorsed the praise given to the R.W. Bro. Beach, and bore testimony to the great services which were rendered by other high Officers, notably Bros. Le Feuvre and Sheldon Smith. Bro. Faulkner was also called on to respond; he remarked that he had the honour of being the last Grand Warden of the Province of the Isle of Wight. The toast of the W.M. was ably submitted by Bro Faulkner, who said Bro. Manners had been most regular in his attendance at Lodge, and had proved himself very attentive and and earnest in the discharge of his duties. He cordially wished him a prosperous year of office. Bro. Manners expressed his thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed, and for the enthusiastic reception the brethren had given it. He felt that he was scarcely entitled to all the praise Bro. Faulkner had given him, but they might rely on his doing his best to serve the Lodge and carry out his duties in a proper manner. Bro. Pack proposed the I.P.M. and Medina Lodge, No. 35, and spoke of the value to the Lodge of the services of an experienced body of Past Masters. He was in a position to bear testimony to the services of Bro. Roberton, and it was with particular pleasure that afternoon he heard the Lodge give expression to the regard in which they held him by voting him a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Roberton, in responding, referred to the improvements which had been carried out in the construction of their Lodge-room during his year of office, the completion of which had given him great satisfaction. His best services would continue to be at the disposal of the brethren. The Visitors was submitted in cordial terms by Bro. Mursell, who said no Lodge in the province felt greater pleasure in receiving and welcoming visiting brethren than Medina, No. 35. The toast was responded to by Bros. Pack 175, Brannon 151, Brown 1884, Hopwood Albert Edward, Huntoun 940, Stockton-on-Tees, Wilkins 1780, Southampton, G. Brown, St. John's, Torquay, Wiltshire 245, Mechanics, and Dickinson, Robinson, Dodson, and Kerr, 1681, Londesborough, who all expressed appreciation of the hearty welcome accorded them. The W.M. proposed the Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Lodge. The W.M. referred to the excellent manner in which that day's ceremony had been performed by Bro. Faulkner, whom they regarded as the patriarch of their Lodge, and expressed his thanks for the valuable services rendered by him and other Past Masters. Bro. Faulkner said he was sure there were other Past Masters in the Lodge who, if they cared to undertake it, could do the installation ceremony as well as the W.M. had been pleased to say he (Bro. Faulkner) had done it that day. It was 40 years since he had been initiated in the Medina Lodge, and he should continue to do his best to maintain their good opinion of him. Other respondents to the toast were Bros. Haxthausen, Airs—who spoke of the benefit derived from the Lodge of Instruction they had established—Barfield, Mursell, Wheeler, and Roberton. Bro. Faulkner in submitting the toast of the Masonic Charities eulogised the great services in the work of Charity that had been rendered by that veteran in the cause Bro. Barfield, whom Bro. Mursell seemed determined to emulate. Bro. Barfield, who wore the collar of the three Charities, adorned with 24 clasps, entered very fully in his reply into the working and needs of the Charities. In the course of an interesting speech he said in June last 236 girls were being educated in a thoroughly useful and practical manner, at a cost of over £9,000 per annum. In addition to this the trustees had been able to purchase a house and strip of land, which would prove to be valuable investments. 240 boys were being educated in the Boys' School, at a cost of £10,000, to make up which sum the trustees had to rely almost entirely on subscriptions, as they had very little money invested, and a considerable sum was urgently needed. The Benevolent Institution had 390 annuitants on the books, at a cost last year

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of nearly £14,000, and the account was considerably overdrawn. As showing the extent of the Masonic Charities it would be interesting to state the incomes of the several Charities from all sources, as given in their last statement of accounts. The Benevolent Institution received £21,374 7s 1d, the Girls' School 16,768, to which the Sir H. Edwards Presentation Committee contributed 1000 guineas, and the Boys' School £16,272 16s. In addition to the regular work of these three Charities, the Board of Benevolence, whose object was the relief of cases of a temporary character, and who gave assistance in cases of emergency, in grants varying in amount according to the circumstances of the claimant, had disbursed funds to the amount of £10,153. The total income of these several funds reached the sum of £64,569 2s 7d, which gave them an enormous power for relief of the distressed brethren and their families, and was the means of conferring an incalculable amount of good. In conclusion, the speaker expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the manner in which local cases were treated by the Charity Committee of the Province. Bro. Mursell, also responding to the toast of the Charities, said the office of Steward had given him exceptional opportunities for seeing the immense benefits conferred by the manner in which the funds were disbursed. He felt himself specially indebted to Bro. Barfield—whose services he was afraid he could not hope to equal—and the brethren of the Londesborough Lodge, for the generous assistance they had afforded on several occasions. The brethren present would be pleased to know that the collection that had just been made in the room amounted to £2 5s. Bro. Brannon proposed the Secretary and Officers of the Lodge, which, after a song by the W.M., Bro. Manners, was responded to by Bros. Mursell, Rutland, Leftwich, Cullingford, Taylor, Perry, Roberton, and Young. The proceedings were closed by the Tyler. During the evening some capital songs were given by Bros. Wheeler, Stock, Airs, Faulkner, Mursell, Dickenson, Wilkins, Cullingford, Poland, Rutland, &c.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

ON Wednesday, the 13th instant, a meeting of the members of the above Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge, Bro. W. R. Davis the Worshipful Master presiding. A numerous attendance of visitors and members of the Lodge were present, including Bros. Thomas Minstrell S.W., Birch J.W.; Bros. P.M.'s Bale, Timothy, Harner, Whiting, Thirkle Treasurer, Stuart Secretary, Janaway; J. M. Moore, Wyatt, Watson, Lambourne, Chamberlain, Nicholls, Nightingale, Woodliffe, Carterer, Massey, Woods, Burnard, Carter, and Comfort. The ceremony of passing was most efficiently performed. Bro. Minstrell was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. Bro. Thirkle was re-elected Treasurer, and an Audit Committee were appointed. Bro. Bale said it was his pleasing duty as the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge to propose that the usual Past Master's jewel should be presented to their Master, Bro. W. R. Davis, for the very admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the year. While their Worshipful Master had been in the chair he had shown in every way that he had the interests of the brethren and of the Lodge at heart, and after the very able way he had performed his duties the Worshipful Master, as every one else would do, would feel it very keenly indeed if his services were passed over without acknowledgment. It would be a great pleasure to him to propose the motion, because he believed that they had never had a Master more deserving of the honour than their present one. Brother Past Master Harner seconded the motion, which was carried *nem con.* After the transaction of other business the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts followed, and in the course of the proceedings Past Master Bale said, by the kindness of the Worshipful Master, who had allowed him to take the initiative in this matter, he had now a duty to perform, which they would all recognise as one of a most pleasing character. It related to their dear old friend, Bro. Thirkle, who had been their honoured and respected Treasurer for very many years, and he had to ask his acceptance—and he did this with very great pleasure indeed—of the testimonials, which would now be placed before him, of their great respect and esteem for him. These consisted of an illuminated address, suitably emblazoned and framed in an elegant gilt frame, and a silver tea service, consisting of a teapot, sugar basin, tongs, and cream jug, upon a Chippendale tray. As their dear old friend would see, the teapot was suitably engraved in commemoration of the occasion, and all the articles bore Bro. Thirkle's monogram. By the inscription Bro. Thirkle would see what they thought of him, and he (Bro. Bale) could only hope that Bro. Thirkle would accept these articles as an expression of their goodwill towards him for the kindness and urbanity he had always displayed towards them in his capacity of Treasurer. It would be most gratifying to Bro. Thirkle to know that these articles had been purchased from subscriptions obtained without a single instance of canvassing; on the contrary, when it was first resolved they should show their gratitude to Bro. Thirkle for his long and continued services to the Lodge, subscriptions were at once forthcoming. Everything that was given was given freely and willingly. In asking their Bro. Thirkle's acceptance of the articles they could only hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him and his family many long years to have their use, and that He would enable him to continue those valuable services to the Lodge which he had rendered so faithfully in years gone by. Bro. Thirkle said he was unable adequately to thank them for their kindness, and the kind words which had accompanied the gift. He heartily reciprocated their wish that the Great Architect would give him health and strength to continue his services to the Lodge for many years to come, and he hoped that when they were called hence that they might all meet in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. Several toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday afternoon, 18th inst., Bro. G. Aldis was installed W.M., and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. Webb I.P.M., E. Brown S.W., C. Dusantoy J.W., J. Young S.D., A. F. Blackman J.D., J. Adams Secretary, J. R. Weston Treasurer, W. Jenvy I.G., G. Cross Dir. of Cers., A. Baker Steward, T. G. Daycombe Assistant Steward, Vare Tyler. The installation ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Webb, in the presence of eighteen Past Masters, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, supplied by Bro. Dartnell, of the High-street.

ROYAL UNION, No. 382.

THE January meeting was held on the 18th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when Bro. E. Cotton W.M. presided. Bros. Hall S.W., Wilson J.W., Brooks S.D., Taplin J.D, Fleming I.G., Bailey Organist, Stacey Steward, Nicholson I.P.M., P.M.'s Cooke, Febrenbach, Lonsdale and Rowles; also Bros. Hanson, Jamieson, Lambert, Pilkin, Taylor, &c. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Bros. Coombes P.M. P.G.S.D. Secretary, King, &c. Bro. Nicholson P.M. officiated as Secretary. After the minutes had been confirmed, a ballot was taken for admission, as joining member, of Bro. Drinkwater, formerly a member of this Lodge. This proved unanimous in his favour. Mr. Mead, of Southhall, was proposed as a candidate for initiation, and the ballot proving favourable, he was duly initiated. The brethren then proceeded to elect a Worshipful Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Hall was elected W.M. and Brother Febrenbach unanimously re-elected Treasurer; the Tyler (Bro. Duffin) was also re-elected; the W.M., S.W., J.W., and Bros. Jamieson and Taylor were appointed as Audit Committee. On the motion of Bro. Nicholson I.P.M. a P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Cotton W.M. as a slight token of the brethren's esteem and admiration for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties. The Bye-laws were read, and Bro. Hanson gave notice of motion for the alteration in the law relating to Visitors' fees. A vote of condolence with Bro. Nicholson I.P.M. on the recent loss of his wife was unanimously agreed to. A candidate was proposed for initiation at next meeting. All business ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to third Monday in March, the annual installation day. The brethren partook of banquet in an adjoining room, which was well served by Bro. Phillips. The usual Masonic toasts and harmony, &c. followed.

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

A REGULAR monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on the 18th inst., the W.M., Bro. George Treves, presiding. The whole of the Officers were present, viz.: Bros. J. D. Arnold S.W., A. Leonard J.W., Geo. Lambert P.M. Treasurer, T. Poore P.M. Secretary, F. Purkiss S.D., Dr. Lewis Jones J.D., A. C. Wood I.G., S. Ash and G. Allen Stewards, C. Thomas Tyler; Past Masters James Stevens, C. Everist, and E. Mitchell, and Bros. J. A. Bell, J. Finch, W. Jones, and others. The visiting brethren were Bros. S. Richardson W.M. "Unity," Edwin George W.M. "Marquis of Ripon," and F. W. Driver P.M. "Strong Man." After confirmation of previous minutes Mr. James Burridge, already approved of by ballot, was introduced, and, in a very creditable manner, initiated into the Order, the ceremony being completed by the delivery of the charge by the Worshipful Master. A junior member of the Lodge, Bro. Bell, gave the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, and materially assisted to maintain the reputation for good working which this Lodge has always enjoyed. In the course of the routine business at closing, the Worshipful Master referred to his proposed Stewardship at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and solicited support, which was readily accorded. "Hearty good wishes" having been, in accordance with good old custom, offered to the Worshipful Master by the respective Visitors, the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. Dinner was served in the usual liberal and unostentatious style which has always characterised the efforts to please of Bro. Past Master George Lilley, the proprietor of the Balham Hotel, whose absence from the Lodge on this occasion, owing to his late unfortunate and very severe accident, was specially referred to, and very deeply regretted. The brethren generally expressed their gratification to learn that Bro. Lilley is now convalescing, and may be soon expected to resume active duty, and this his many Masonic friends outside the Panmure Lodge may be also pleased to hear. After the cloth was cleared, the Worshipful Master ably discharged his duty in presenting the Loyal and Masonic toasts. His own health was drunk most cordially, and in his response he congratulated the Lodge on its continued progress. The Initiate, Bro. Burridge, in well-chosen sentences, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and remarked that arrangements made by him to enter the Panmure Lodge some ten years ago had been unfortunately disturbed. He had often regretted this, and the fact that though now located at Westgate-on-Sea he had after all been "made" in Balham, would show that his regret was accompanied by an earnest intention to receive the "Light" of Freemasonry. He could but say now that if he could have conceived that the teachings of the Order and its ceremonial introduction were of so "sacred" a nature, his regret for the delay would have been increased tenfold. He should never forget the impression made upon his mind on this occasion. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. S. Richardson, F. W. Driver, and Edwin George, respectively responded, and each stated his gratification with the work in Lodge, and his subsequent entertainment. The usual compliments were paid to the Past Masters, the Secretary and Treasurer, and the Officers, and were each briefly acknowledged. In

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the course of the evening Bro. G. S. Graham "looked in," and in his usual genial manner placed his musical attainments at the service of the brethren, and, accompanying the several singers, greatly added to the harmony and enjoyment of the social gathering. With the time-honoured Tyler's toast, the pleasant proceedings of the meeting were brought to a close.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, at the Kensington Hotel, Russell Gardens, Kensington, when the following brethren were present: C. A. Walter J.W., J. W. Barker P.M. Treasurer, George Read P.M. Secretary, J. H. Taylor P.M., J. Metcalfe P.P.G S.W. Leicestershire and Rutland P.M., Lewis Brett P.M., R. H. Williams S.D., Arthur Barclay J.D., F. J. Oliver Organist, A. Norman I.G., J. Wiggins Steward, Robert Schofield P.M. Tyler, several lay members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors: J. R. Hubbard 463, W. W. Snelling S.D. 1541, G. Ellard W.M. 1764, W. C. Williams J W. 1585, H. J. Rose 1891, S. Cochrane 3. C. Woods 865, J. Rewcastle 1892, H. G. Heywood 865, D. P. Cama W.M. 2105, S. W. Keene 898, C. J. Foakes P.M. 1891, J. Banks 834, A. H. Strong S.D. 1585, W. H. Canston P.M. 1726, H. H. Room W.M. 2090, J. F. H. Woodward Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, W. Bassett S.D. 1892, C. W. Cunningham 1612, Jermyn Boyd P.M. 23 P.G. Steward, John A Gartley I.P.M. 205, T. W. C. Lenty W.M. 23, C. E. Soppet P.G. Steward, G. C. Harding P.M. 1238, W. W. Morgan jun., and others. After the transaction of some formal business, and the passing of a brother to the second degree, Bro. C. A. Walter was installed as Worshipful Master, and he appointed the following Officers: Williams S.W., Barclay J W., Barker P.M. Treasurer, Read P.M. Secretary, Norman S.D., Oliver J.D. and Organist, Wiggins I.G., J. Mackay and C. Heath Stewards, Schofield Tyler. After the addresses and other parts of the installation ceremony had been given, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed, the first being that of the Queen and the Craft. The Queen, the Worshipful Master said, was admired by all for her good qualities and for her desire to advance the interests of those under her rule. In proposing the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M. felt the brethren would express the heartiest feelings in connection with the toast, as the Prince of Wales was really the one member of the Craft of whom all the brethren were especially proud. He wished it was in the power of the Grand Master to be more frequently present at Masonic meetings, to personally witness the enthusiasm of the brethren when his name was mentioned. The next toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. They had no Grand Officer then present, but they were honoured with the company of two Past Grand Stewards and the present Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, with whose names the W.M. coupled the toast. Bro. Woodward expressed his thanks for the compliment which had been paid him, and for the hearty way in which the Grand Officers Present and Past had been toasted. It had been a great pleasure to him, as he was sure it was to his Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, when the present Master of the Kensington Lodge was invested as one of the Wardens of the Province of Middlesex. From what he knew of their present Master he felt that the work of the Lodge would be properly carried on during the ensuing year. Bro. Woodward said that one great thing which struck him in connection with Freemasonry, and he had travelled through eleven different countries of the world—was that we could meet in Freemasonry men, relatives, and friends, whom it was impossible to meet in any other institution in the world. He had been entertained by members of the Craft in different countries, and had at all times great pleasure in being present at Masonic gatherings. Bro. Soppet followed, thanking the brethren for the compliment of being associated with the toast of Grand Officers. He briefly reviewed the system under which he and his fellow Grand Stewards were appointed, and their status at the end of their year of office. As a member of the Royal Kensington Lodge he looked upon that of which he was then a guest as a brother or a sister, and felt especial pleasure—as one of the founders and the present Father of the Royal Kensington Lodge—in making the acquaintance of brethren so intimately associated so far as name was concerned. The members of the Royal Kensington Lodge had often wondered what the Kensington Lodge was like. Now, from personal observation he should be able to report to his brethren, and he hoped the two Lodges would learn to know more of each other in consequence. He could truly say that for working and hospitality the Kensington Lodge was not to be excelled. Brother Jermyn Boyd also replied. He was gratified that he had the the opportunity of witnessing the proceedings of that day. He could but endorse the remarks of his brother Grand Steward, and bear testimony to the excellent way in which the Worshipful Master had been placed in the chair by Bro. Read the Secretary. Bro. Read then assumed the gavel. Had the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge been present he would no doubt have been better able to submit the toast of the Worshipful Master, but in his absence he would do his best. As the first Master of the Kensington Lodge, Bro. Read had had especial opportunities of judging of the ability of its present ruler. He could truly say that Bro. Walter was a thoroughly good Mason. In any case of benevolence no one could be found more ready to render any assistance that lay in his power, and as ruler of the Lodge for the coming year he felt he would add to his already acquired reputation. The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind manner in which they had drunk to the last toast. He felt he should have a successful year, as he had good Officers and a united body of members. The brethren of the Lodge had supported him hitherto, and would no doubt do so now that he was at the head of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors followed, the Worshipful Master giving the guests a most cordial welcome, and assuring them that his Lodge looked upon the large number of visitors as one of the most pleasing points in the day's proceedings. Most of the Visitors replied. Bro. Room, who was the first to respond, had hardly remembered he was a visitor until reminded of the fact by the W.M. coupling his name with the toast. He saw around him so many brethren with whom he was intimately associated—old friends and new—that he felt as if he was in one of his own Lodges. He was particularly pleased that he had been present that day, as he had seen the installation ceremony worked in such a manner as could not be excelled. In the course of two months' time it would be his duty—if he was spared—to instal his successor in the Hammersmith Lodge, and he felt he could not do better on that occasion than copy the working of Bro. Read as displayed that day—as far as he was able. He could not have had a better lesson than he had received in the Kensington Lodge, for which, and for a most hospital reception, he heartily thanked the brethren. Bro. Ellard desired to add his tribute of praise to the Secretary of the Lodge for the way in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master. As Director of Ceremonies of the Province of Norths and Hunts for the past six years, Bro. Ellard had attended very many installations, but he had never seen the ceremony so ably rendered as it had been that night. Bro. Foakes felt an especial interest in the Lodge, his voice having been among the first heard in it at the time of its consecration. He was indeed pleased to witness the prosperity it was enjoying. The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Installing Master, and Bro. Read, in replying, said he had heard so much praise of his working that night as to be almost overcome by the flattery of the brethren. If he had performed the work of installation as ably as their praises led him to believe, he was truly pleased. He felt that it was because he always strove to do his best that the compliments had been so numerous. He trusted he might always deserve the same kind feelings as had been expressed towards him that day. He really felt that so many kind expressions must really come from the hearts of those who uttered them, and he sincerely thanked them all for their kindness. The Worshipful Master felt the next toast was one which would give the brethren equal pleasure with the last—it being to the Past Masters. They all knew that the longer the Lodge was in existence the more Past Masters they got, but it was an especial pleasure to him that so many of his predecessors in the chair had been able to attend and support him on the present occasion. Bro. Barker tendered his sincere thanks for the toast, to which he hoped to have to respond for many years to come. Bro. Metcalfe followed, expressing the pleasure he felt at being present, and in seeing so grand an assembly of visitors and members. Bro. Taylor said his greatest pleasure would be to do anything he could for the Worshipful Master or any of the brethren, and he felt that all the Past Masters were actuated with feelings of a similar character. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next drank. Bro. Barker felt an especial pleasure in replying on this, the fourth installation at which he had been honoured as Treasurer of the Lodge. He referred to what the Lodge had been able to do in the past on behalf of the Charities, and hoped they would be able to continue, even if not to increase their grants to the Institutions. He should like to give at least thirty guineas each year to the Charities, even if by so doing the members had to content themselves with one banquet less. Bro. Read assured the brethren he performed the duties of Secretary with especial pleasure. He considered the office the proudest in the Lodge, next to that of Master. Perhaps he was overlooking the Treasurer, but that was an honour of a somewhat different character. He trusted the brethren would support their Treasurer, who would act as a Steward at the next Festival for the Boys' School, and that the contributions he would take up would be worthy of the Kensington Lodge. The toast of the Officers was next honoured, and was replied to by the respective brethren. After this came the Charities, for which the Worshipful Master said all true Masons were proud to do anything in their power. Bro. Norman replied, recounting what had been done on behalf of the widow of an old member. The Masons had come forward and helped her at a most critical time, and the result was that the house in which she resided had been secured for her, while a sufficiency had been saved to keep her and her child. This was a practical illustration of Masonic charity, and he trusted that while he could recount so satisfactory a result it would stimulate his hearers to further acts of benevolence, and convince them that the Charity professed by Freemasons was something more than a mere name. The Tyler's toast was subsequently given, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. Some excellent songs were given during the evening by members of the Lodge and Visitors, and the benefit of having a practical Organist in the Lodge was amply demonstrated. The result was, to our thinking, much more enjoyable than if we had had to listen to the better—but at the same time much less homely—utterances of professionals.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 13th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a numerous gathering of the brethren, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut. Henry V. Wright Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. E. Garnet Mann, C.C., J.P.M., J. Perkins S.W., Henry Squire J.W., R. Pawley Treasurer, H. Clarke S.D., Major J. Perry Godfrey P.M. J.D., J. C. Whiddington D.C., Frank S. Jackson I.G., Fred rick A. Jewson Organist, B. Emanuel and Beaumont Morice Stewards, P.M.'s L. F. Littell P.G.P., Colonel T. Davies Sewell P.G.S., G. W. Johnson, and others. Bros. E. Pugh, C. W. Bowley, J. Henry Smith, E. F. Fitch, W. T. Roberts, Lieut. V. Dunfee, H. C. Richards, W. E. Bush, Thomas Clarke, E. Jex, C.C., W. Westcott, &c. Amongst the Visitors were A. Bache P.M. 1585, B. Cooper S.W. 1141, J. Sawyer S.W. 985, A. Gillardoni S.W. 235. Lodge having been opened to the third, Bro. T. W. Roberts was raised to the sublime degree, the

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ceremony being carried out in a most admirable manner by Brother Wright. In doing so, he gave not only the traditional history, but also the lecture on the tracing board and the charge. Bro. Hill, not being in attendance, his passing was postponed. Lodge was closed in all three degrees. The W.M. again spoke of the proposition to increase the numbers of the Lodge, and brought forward certain reasons for it. He asked the members to communicate with him before the next Lodge, as he would not propose anything which they would not wish. The Lodge adjourned to banquet, the W.M. having on his left Bro. Sheriff Clarke, and on his right Bro. George Nash Johnson, C.C., Chairman of Commissioners of Sewers, and Brother L. F. Littell Past Grand Pursuivant. The Wardens occupied their respective chairs. In proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. alluded to her Majesty coming out of her retirement to open Parliament, and was sure she would be well received, and that loyalty to the throne lived in the hearts of the people. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. thought the health of the Prince of Wales had a peculiar interest in that Lodge, connected more or less with the Corporation, in the fact of the chief festival of the civic body—Lord Mayor's Day—being on the Most Worshipful Grand Master's birthday. Bro. Littell, in replying for the Grand Officers, referred to the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, holding office in the present Administration. He said it was a proof of the popularity of the Grand Officers that they were received everywhere with so much cordiality. Bro. Johnson proposed in kindly terms the health of the Master, and felt sure from what he had seen and heard that day, the reputation of the Lodge was quite safe in Bro. Wright's hands. He was assured the members would all support the dignity of the chair. The W.M. replied in suitable words, and before sitting down proposed the health of the new member, Bro. Sheriff Clarke. He observed it was not usual to drink the health of a joining member, but he thought they might do so on this occasion, as their new brother was one of the Sheriffs, and he felt the Lodge was honoured by Sheriff Clarke becoming a member. The Sheriff replied in a short speech, in which he observed that he had left his mother Lodge because they admitted any and every sort of person. He was pleased to join the Alliance Lodge, and if the Master could get the bye-laws altered he had a friend to propose. The Past Masters were honoured, mention being made of Bros. Sir John Monckton, Littell, Frank Green, C.C., Colonel Davies Sewell, and Garnot Mann, &c. The latter, who was the I.P.M., had had to leave early, to fulfil a political engagement at Croydon. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Johnson, who responded in a dignified and eloquent manner. For the Visitors Bros. Bareham Cooper, A. Boehr, J. Sawyer, and Alfred Gillardoni replied. The remaining toasts were the Officers, and Tyler's. Bros. J. Perkins, C.C., and H. Squire, C.C., replied, the former assuring the Lodge that all the Officers would do their best in their different stations, and he looked forward with pleasure to the time when he hoped to preside over the Lodge, which would not be the first time he occupied the Master's chair. A very pleasant evening was spent in social happiness and amenity.

LODGE OF KING SOLOMON, No. 2029.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is the only one in London founded on the principles of total abstinence, was held on Saturday evening, 9th instant, at Saville House, Red Lion-square, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., Worshipful Master. He was supported by Bros. Harrison Branthwaite S.W. and W.M. elect, W. S. L. Chubb J.W., Matthew Williams S.D., T. W. Richardson J.D., Lieut. Henry V. Wright D.C., H. Maiden I.G., J. P. Baptie J.W., Matthews, R. A. Govan, H. W. Williams, A. Forrow, J. G. Goll, A. Wells, J. H. Hughes, C.C., F.R.S., C. W. Fletcher acting as Secretary, W. Memory, J. Fisher, T. Smith, J. J. Cowley, G. A. Ames P.G.S., J. Ferrier, A. Jardine, T. H. Williams, W. A. Jones, S. A. Wilkins, E. J. Mills Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. Clarke 114 P.G.P., A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, Augustus Harris S.W. designate of the Drury-lane Lodge, No. 2127, H. T. Reid P.M. 1287, C. H. Cox 163, Benjamin Williams I.P.M. 1861, W. T. Roberts 1827, and others. Lodge was opened in due form at five o'clock, and prior to entering upon the business the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the unavoidable absence of the excellent Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Harry Tipper, with whom the brethren heartily sympathised in the bereavement he had sustained by the death of his wife. He desired that a record of their sympathy should be expressed on the minutes of the Lodge, and this was unanimously agreed to. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Acting-Secretary and confirmed, when Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resuming in the second, Bro. Harrison Branthwaite was presented as the W.M. elect, and subsequently installed into the chair by Bro. Lieut. Henry V. Wright, whose admirable working elicited frequent expressions of approbation. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly installed Master was greeted, and the duties of the Officers on their investiture were explained by the Installing Master, who also delivered the charges to the Masters and Wardens, with great elocutionary effect. The collars were thus bestowed: Bros. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., I.P.M., W. S. L. Chubb S.W., Matthew Williams J.W., Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., Treasurer, Harry Tipper Secretary, T. W. Richardson S.D., Lieut. Henry V. Wright J.D., H. Maiden I.G., J. Fisher D.C., and E. J. Mills Tyler. During the installation ceremony Bro. H. W. Williams officiated as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. J. W. Matthews presided at the organ. The Worshipful Master then said a pleasing duty devolved upon him. Those who had anything to do with the founding of this Lodge knew the great amount of work that was undertaken, cheerfully and willingly, by their I.P.M. Dr. Richardson, and they also knew the way in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge since its formation. It was now his (the speaker's) duty to present him, in the name of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. Might he long live to wear it. The I.P.M., who was received with applause, said, as the Worshipful Master had observed, it was a period of anxiety for a long time to found this Lodge, but all those difficulties which were about them had disappeared, through the truly Masonic spirit with which their proceedings had been carried out. He could say that during the two years he had been Master of the Lodge nothing could have been more in accordance with his feelings—feelings of gratitude, respect, and affection to all present—than what had occurred. The climax came when he received the first jewel ever given by this Lodge to a Master. He should wear it in remembrance of this Lodge whether in it or out of it, and he reciprocated all those feelings which had been shown towards him better than any words could convey, in that sympathy with which he approached all the members, and good feeling towards them all. Eight candidates for initiation, and one joining member, were proposed, and Lodge was then adjourned until the second Saturday in March. Later in the evening the brethren and visitors partook of an excellent banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. There was, of course, no wines, but substitute was provided in the shape of orange, lemon, pine-apple, raspberry, and other fruit champagnes, from the Holywell Works, Finsbury. At the conclusion of the repast the usual loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P. responding for the Grand Officers. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said Bro. Branthwaite was one of those men who always said "duty before pleasure," and a duty of an exceedingly important kind at this moment called him away, so that they would be obliged to lose his benign presence. Before he went they all wished him success, happiness, and prolonged usefulness through the coming year. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the Worshipful Master, in response, said he was sorry it should have so happened that he had to leave them on this, to him, auspicious occasion; but those who knew what a medical man's duties were would readily sympathise with him. He was very pleased with the installation that had taken place that night. It was one that most of them would consider unexpected so far as the individual upon whom it rested was concerned. He had no idea that he should be installed as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of King Solomon. Indeed, he had no intention of being so. This was the third time he had been raised to the sublime position of Master of a Lodge, and his intentions were quietly to have stood aside, and allowed the Junior Warden, whoever he might be at the time, to take the position. However, circumstances had turned out otherwise, and it had become, probably, his duty to take the chair at present. In doing so he could only pledge his best endeavours to carry on the work of the Lodge as it had been carried on by his predecessor; and he hoped in saying that he was saying no more than he should be prepared to fulfil. Bro. Ames then said it had fallen to his lot, in the absence of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, to propose the health of their Immediate Past Master. He felt he could not do justice to that toast. The brethren knew Dr. Richardson as well as he did, and probably better, from a Masonic point of view. He had founded the Lodge, and had now retired from the chair which he had filled in so dignified and practical a manner for nearly two years. With great humility he had the pleasure of proposing the good health of their Immediate Past Master. Bro. Richardson, who was greeted with prolonged applause, said he would not weary the company with a repetition of thanks, but proceed to the duties before him, the first of which was one of a most enthralling character. They had been charmed to-day at the manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed. From the first time he saw the working of this Lodge his eyes had been fixed on one member of it, a young man of the greatest promise, and one who bade fair in days to come to be one of the distinguished ornaments in Freemasonry. When they knew that this was Bro. Wright's maiden essay to instal, they must all have been struck with the emphasis and style of words and manner with which he had fulfilled the important duty that devolved upon him. All they could expect was done, and more. They congratulated Bro. Wright most sincerely on the advance that he was making in Masonic working, and wished that his health might be long maintained, so that those advantages might be pushed to the uttermost. Bro. J. J. Cowley having sang, in excellent voice, "The Vicar of Bray," Bro. Lieut. H. Wright rose to respond. When their Worshipful Master requested him, at their last meeting, a fortnight ago, to undertake the duty of Installing Master, he know nothing whatever about the ceremony of installation, but he always felt that the W.M's request was a command, and as the W.M. asked him, he promised to do the best he could; and he was very gratified that the brethren had been pleased with his small efforts. He hoped that he should always pay due respect to the chair of this Lodge, and behave himself in every way to their satisfaction. He could assure the W.M. and his successors that they could always rely upon him for any assistance it was in his power to render them. The Acting Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Visitors, said he could imagine in the old days of early Freemasonry, when men worked with those tools which now only Speculative were used in an Operative sense, there could be nothing more charming than when the work was over, and the rough roof over the place tiled, that some one coming from a distant part of the world, a stranger, should tap at the door, be properly examined by the Wardens, and duly admitted as a friend, and that he should convey to those rude, yet skilful, brethren the facts that he had gathered, and the knowledge he had obtained. It must have been truly delightful in those days, when there were no railways or telegraphs, when there were nothing but the human brain as the condenser of the thoughts, thus for a man to come in and be welcome. He contended that Freemasonry lived largely on social intercourse, and it was one of the signs of its vitality that this pleasant intercourse was still kept up. The light was always burning in our Lodges for the strangers who entered them. And in this Lodge, representing King Solomon in earnest, because they were a Lodge of Lodges in that

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respect—for they not only placed their Master in the chair of King Solomon, but they were King Solomon itself—this Lodge of wise men made it part of their wisdom to make all strangers welcome amongst them when they got distinguished wanderers to come and tell them what they knew. To-night their Worshipful Master had missed a great treat, in not hearing the reply to this toast of one who had travelled over the whole world, picking up Masonic lore, and ready to impart it to others—a great scholar and traveller, whose Masonic knowledge was pre-eminent, who had written charming treatises and letters bearing upon the Craft, who was a Knight of Malta, and had written a history of it, who had explored, wherever explorations were to be made, after those hidden secrets, and who had come here to tell of them. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. A. M. Broadley Past District G.M. of Malta. Bro. Broadley, who was loudly cheered, said he intended to have emulated, and if possible excelled, the admirable brevity which had characterised the speeches of this evening. But in proposing this toast the Worshipful Master said so much about the humble individual who had now the honour of addressing them, that he feared if he did not say something of those distant lands in which he had worked as a Freemason, and tell them something of his experiences of Freemasonry in those countries, and his experiences both there and in England, he should very much disappoint the brethren who were now under the gavel. He should, therefore, ask them to bear with him for two or three minutes while he said something of the working of Freemasonry in those distant countries in which the banner of the Grand Lodge of England was appreciated quite as highly as it was here, and countries where the work of Freemasonry took a form which was perhaps more practical, and produced effects which in everyday life were probably more striking, than the Freemasonry with which they were familiar in this country. He must first of all express the pleasure that he felt in visiting them this evening. He was somewhat puzzled at the nomenclature of their excellent Lodge, which he thoroughly understood, and he need hardly say he really appreciated. He not only appreciated the hospitality they had tendered him, but he confessed it was a very great treat to one who was about to rejoin the ranks of London Masonry by becoming the Secretary of the new Drury Lane Lodge, which was to be consecrated on Monday fortnight, and privilege to be able to bring Bro. Augustus Harris to witness the ceremony which had been so ably worked by Bro. Wright today. It was the touchstone of true Masonic work to be able to perform the difficult ceremony of installation; and he had rarely seen it done better than that night. He thought the Lodge of King Solomon, which was of course a Lodge pre-eminent for the wisdom of its members, and in fact a Lodge which had taken upon itself a name which rather pertained to the whole Craft, might be congratulated upon so eminent a worker as Bro. Wright, and that he also could claim, in a very humble and inferior degree, some kind of connection (a very remote one) with King Solomon. Ancient Carthage had some connection with ancient Tyre, and ancient Tyre had more or less connection with King Solomon in the building of the Temple. Therefore it was perhaps appropriate for him to come from ancient Carthage to pay his respects to the Lodge of King Solomon. It was exactly eight years ago that he began to work English Masonry in Tunis, on the site of ancient Carthage. The Lodge there, he was happy to say, was surviving many vicissitudes through which that country had passed. If it had survived and flourished, as he was certain it would continue to do, it was on account of the interests and principles of English Masonry, of which they should all be proud. Foreign Masonry did not succeed in foreign countries as English Masonry did, because it embraced political and other considerations which diverted from its best and holiest purposes. In Tunis, which had become almost part of the French Republic—if there English Masonry had survived the disappearance of foreign lives, it was because men of all religions and languages came together and worked under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England, with no other devices than the holy emblems of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, put into practical good fellowship, which had nothing whatever to do with factions in politics or nationality. Therefore, he thought the sojourner in that distant land of Tunis, where people of many races and languages met together, would see that the success which had attended Masonry there was due to the fact that English Masonry was so very different, and he ventured to say without fear of contradiction, so very superior, to the offshoots of that Masonry—because Continental Masonry was all, more or less, an offshoot of our own, though unfortunately degenerated. He had every reason to be proud he had founded two Lodges working on the site of ancient Carthage, on which they had so many excellent Masons, on the shores of the Mediterranean. He was for some time Deputy District Grand Master of Malta, which included Tunis within its territorial jurisdiction. Malta was a half-way house to the East, a great centre of our Mediterranean commerce, and the stopping place of our troops; and it was there where Masonry exemplified the sentiments shadowed forth by their W.M. when he spoke of the Visitor's knock at the door. There were doubtless many in London who would remember the pleasure they experienced when the ship cast anchor at Malta, who had gone up to the Lodge and found the brethren meeting there; and the reception, although not so splendid as in Great Queen-street, was nevertheless most refreshing. It was his lot to work in another country of historical interest, which was closely associated with the founders of the Craft—a country which had connection even with King Solomon himself, namely, Egypt. He was taken there by his private avocations, and found English Masonry had fallen into the "sere and yellow leaf." Everything in this life sprang from individual energy, and he was pleased to find here revived the Bulwer Lodge, the sentence of death upon which had already been passed by the Grand Lodge of England. That Lodge had now become a flourishing Institution, and formed a rallying-point for our troops, who found there a Masonic centre. When one saw the energies of those countries, and found that a great deal had been done to make Masonry a point of hospitality and intercourse, which he understood was one of the great objects of Masonry, it was most gratifying. It would be an evil day for Masonry when it was brought to the level of a mere friendly society; its distinguishing characteristic was something more than a friendly society; it was a society which practised the greatest amount of benevolence and charity, combined with hospitality and social amenity and goodwill. Charity must go hand in hand with the great social feature, and this was illustrated in no better way than in the Mediterranean and in those countries which were so rich in the traditions of the Craft; where the emblems of the Craft met the eye in all directions, the old traditional Jewish emblems of which we all knew so much in English Masonry. He was glad to tell the company that a new Lodge was about to be founded in London, a Lodge which would be almost unique in its character—the Drury Lane Lodge. He was sorry that Bro. Augustus Harris, the S.W. designate, had been obliged to go away, but he asked had him to thank them for the excellent lessons in Masonry he had received at the hands of Bro. Wright that day. The Drury Lane Lodge was one that would have traditions of its own; they intended to work in a special Temple that would be fitted up within the precincts of Drury Lane Theatre; which had traditions of many old Masons who had passed away, such as Christopher Wren, and many other great men who had contributed to its fame. They hoped to establish a Lodge which should not only excel for its work and Charity, but also be given to hospitality. In endeavouring to continue working in a London Lodge, and resuming Masonic activity, which had perhaps a little slipped away, owing to the occupations of everyday life, he should be coming back to that which was certainly his first love whilst sojourning in distant lands. He thanked them for the pleasant evening they had enabled him to spend in their society, and felt sure the principles they tried to inculcate in this Lodge were those which would do honour to the Craft. He fully endorsed all that the W.M. had said as to the aims and objects of Freemasonry, and to the welcome they extended to the Visitors; and he hoped that if any of them ever went to the shores of the Mediterranean, and tapped at the door of any of the Masonic Lodges there, the truth would come home to them of what Bro. Richardson had said as to the welcome they would receive. Meanwhile, if they preferred the the excellent climate of this country, as experienced within the last few days, to the sunny shores of the Mediterranean, he hoped to welcome them to the brighter skies and genial warmth which would be extended to them from the Drury Lane Lodge. Bro Ferrier then gave a humorous recitation on a "Scotch Courtship and Marriage," after which the W.M. proposed the Press, coupled with the name of the representative of this journal, who responded. The W.M. then sang "Once I Loved a Maiden Fair," and the health of the Officers of the Lodge having been proposed and acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

ROYAL ARCH.

ST. MARYLEBONE CHAPTER, No. 1305.

THE Companions held their installation meeting on the 13th instant. at the Regent Masonic Temple, Café Royal. Comps. W. W. Tyler M.E.Z, E. White H. M.E.Z. elect, W. Mackie J., J. Austin P.Z. Treas., F. L. Baker Scribe E., E. B. Cox S.N., R. D. Cummings Principal Sojourner, C. M. Brander 1st Assistant Sojourner, H. Halliday 2nd Assistant Sojourner, Rhodes Janitor, &c. Visitors—Comps. W. F. Ferguson P.Z 456, A. Fish P.Z. 95, Johnson 95, Austin 177, C. R. Wickett 704, Golding 1329, Stevens S.N. 173, C. P. Bellerby 1604, and J. E. Shand I.P.Z. No. 25. Chapter was formally opened by the Principals, and minutes were read and confirmed, after which the three Principals were duly installed by Comp. Austin P.Z. Treasurer, and the other Officers duly invested. Ballot was taken for five brethren for exaltation, including Bros. Lord Charles Beresford and Seager-Hunt S.W. 2030, the newly-elected Members of Parliament for the Marylebone Division, which proved unanimously in their favour, and they were impressively and ably exalted by Comp. E. White, the M.E.Z. The Audit Report was adopted, and a P.Z.'s jewel presented to Companion Tyler on the completion of his year of office. The Companions, about thirty, then dined in the usual récherché style, for which the Café Royal is proverbial, under the superintendence of Bro. Eugene Delacroste P.M. No. 1027. The usual R.A. toasts were given by Comp. White with his accustomed ability. Each was duly honoured. A most agreeable and enjoyable evening was spent, enhanced by some capital songs and recitations.

AMUSEMENTS.

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HAYMARKET.—At 8, NADJEZDA.

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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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CONSECRATION OF THE BROWNLOW LODGE, No. 2131.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Ellesmere, by Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., for the purpose of consecrating a new Lodge, to be called the Brownlow Lodge, and numbered 2131. The brethren present were:—W. E. Harding Prov. G.J.W., the Revs. W. Humphreys and J. B. Meredith P.G. Chaplains, J. P. White P.G. Treasurer, V. C. L. Crump P.G. Reg., W. H. Spaull P.G. Secretary, J. Maclardy P.C.S.D., W. Lascelles Southwell P.G.J.D., Thomas James P.G.S. of W., T. Warren Thompson P.G.D. of C., R. A. Craig, G. J. Morgan P.G. Stand. Bearers, J. Sewell P.G. Organist, R. Blayne P.G. Assistant Secretary, J. Machin P.G.A.P., T. B. Hyde P.G. Tyler, J Smith, J. Ginders, J. Blockley P.G. Stewards, J. F. Edisbury P.G.J.W. North Wales, E. Andrews P.P.G.W., Thomas Robert and W. Putman P.P.G.D., A. T. Akeroyd P.P.G. Organist, W. B. Newnes P.P.G. Tyler, C. K. Benson P.P.G.P. North Wales, the Rev. H. K. Southwell 357, A. C. Williams 721, J. W. Lawrence 2131, E. W. Prevost 592; from Lodge 117 were W. Belton W.M., A. C. Townsend J.W. and W. J Ogg from 1124; Kyffin G. Salter and George Bonner; from 1432 J. H. Parsons I.P.M., J. Whitridge P.M., J. England S.W., J. H. Tomb and C. J. Fotherby; from 1574 Bastow W.M., from 1621 J. H. Cooksey W.M., Thomas Pratt P.M. and Secretary, and H. E. Roberts S.W. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and letters were read from the Deputy P.G. Master and a number of other brethren apologising for their absence. All the Lodges of the Province were represented. The draft by-laws for governing the P.G. Lodge were submitted by the Committee appointed to draw them up, and after a few amendments, were approved. The R.W.P.G.M., assisted by the P.G. Secretary, then proceeded to consecrate the Brownlow Lodge, No. 2131. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Rev. W. Humphreys P.G. Chaplain delivered an oration, in which he congratulated the R.W.P.G.M. that his first official act since his installation should be to consecrate a new Lodge, also that Masonry was increasing in the Province. This was a matter of congratulation in these days of controversy, as the Masonic Lodge was common ground on which men of all creeds and politics could meet as brothers. Prayer having been offered by the Rev. J. B. Meredith P.G. Chaplain, and the censer with incense having been carried round the Lodge, the Lodge was solemnly dedicated by the R.W.P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The R.W.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. V. C. L. Crump P.G. Reg. and T. Warren Thompson P.G.D. of C., installed Brother E. W. Provost the first W.M. of the Brownlow Lodge, who, after the ceremony was completed, invested the following Officers:—Bros. A. T. Akeroyd S.W., W. J. Ogg J.W., K. G. Salter Treasurer, the Rev. H. K. Southwell S.D., the Rev. H. Poole King J.D., J. W. Lawrence I.G. The names of several gentlemen were

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proposed for initation. The by-laws were approved, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bridgewater Hotel, where a banquet was excellently served by Bro. Lawrence. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and it was announced that the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., had consented to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May 1887, at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

UNVEILING A STATUE OF BRO. SIR HENRY EDWARDS.

ON 13th instant a statue of Sir Henry Edwards was unveiled at Weymouth, amidst great rejoicings, by the Mayor (Mr R. N. Howard). From 1866 to 1885, when the town ceased to be a parliamentary borough, Sir Henry Edwards represented it in the Liberal interest, and during that time his acts of munificence were many and great, his latest being to invest £5,000 for the benefit of the aged poor of the town. It is in order to perpetuate the memory of his public services, munificent charities, and private worth, that a statue, erected by public supscription, at a coast of 800 guineas, has been provided and placed at an angle of the Alexandra Gardens. The work was entrusted to Messrs. W. and T. Wills, of Gower-Street, London, who have produced a splendid work of art and a faithful likeness. The statue, which is 8ft. high, is carved out of Sicilian marble, standing upon a pedestal of Cornish grey granite 10ft high. It is in the Italian style, engraved with appropriate mouldings, and is altogether a splendid piece of workmanship. One remarkable feature in connection with this memorial was the ready manner in which all classes of the town contributed towards it. The whole of the friendly and benefit societies of the town formed a procession, which, meeting with the Mayor and Corporation at the Guildhall, proceeded to the statue. The weather was most unfortunate in the early part of the morning, and threatened to mar the whole of the proceedings, but fortunately about eleven o'clock sunshine followed the rain and wind, and the unveiling ceremony was performed under fairly favourable circumstances. Amongst the distinguished visitors present were Sir Robert Fowler, M.P. (Ex-Lord Mayor of London), Sir Charles Forster, M.P., and Sir Gabriel Goldney, personal friends of Sir Henry Edwards, who is at present a guest of the Mayor. Mr. Robins, hon. Secretary of the Memorial Committee, detailed the many acts of benevolence and generosity which had marked Sir Henry Edwards's connection with the town, and then formally handed over the possession of the statue to the Mayor on behalf of the town. The Mayor took occasion to point out how in former times Weymouth was the only place besides London which returned four members to Parliament. The town had always been able to boast of its representatives in the House of Commons, not only of a Cecil, but of Sir Christopher Wren, Sir James Thornhill, Sir Fowell Buxton, and Sir Henry Edwards. Sir Robert Fowler said the inhabitants of Weymouth were doing honour to one who worthily succeeded those the Mayor had mentioned. All in the House of Commons appreciated Sir Henry Edwards's genial presence, and it was a source of great regret that he was no longer with them. As a citizen of London he (Sir Robert) could bear testimony to the great regard in which Sir Henry was held by all who came in contact with him, and he was very glad to see that the burgesses of Weymouth had shown their appreciation of the excellence of their late member by erecting in his lifetime this statue. Sir Charles Forster said he had been a member of the House of Cummons for 33 years, during 20 of which he had been connected with Sir Henry Edwards by ties of the closest friendship. The great characteristic of that gentleman was his universal popularity, both in and out of the House. Though he was no longer their member, he was sure his memory would be long cherished by the people of Weymouth, and the erection of this statue to him evinced that they desired to remember his long services and many acts of benevolence. In order still further to perpetuate this memory of the past, he suggested that the Town Council should exercise the right granted them in the last session of Parliament by conferring on Sir Henry the honorary freedom of the borough. Sir H. Edwards's annual dinner to the aged poor took place in the afternoon. All the school children were feasted with tea and cake, the various benefit societies had either suppers or teas, and in the evening a banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, at which Sir Henry Edwards was the honoured guest of the gathering, and received a most gratifying reception. In responding to the toast of his health, he traced his association with Weymouth, and referred to the long and lasting friendships he had formed. He said that failing health prevented him going through the wear and tear of a contested election for the county, but had a member been returned for Weymouth he would have tried to be that member, or have died in the attempt.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, FRITH STREET, SOHO.—The useful charity held its annual general meeting in the rooms of the Institution on Tuesday, the 12th inst. It is one of the oldest and most deserving of special hospitals; and during the 70 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 1885 there were 7,796 out-patient attendances, at which 2,463 separate cases received careful treatment. Forty-four 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 1885 were audited and passed. The financial condition of the hospital was shown to be far from satisfactory, as there was a considerable falling off in donations and subscriptions, funds are therefore urgently needed to prevent a reduction in the number of beds. A vote of thanks to surgeons, treasurer and secretary brought the proceedings to a close.

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FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was pleased indeed to read Bro. Earle's letter, and to find that the Province of Herefordshire has contributed so munificiently to the various Institutions, but if this Province chooses to hide its brilliant light from the Masonic world, I trust to be excused if I fall into error. I am afraid our worthy Brother Earle must have been suffering from a fit of chafing if he could see anything but good-natured criticism in the remarks I made. I can assure him that "I nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice." I simply took my figures from the Festival Reports, and my object is, and ever will be, to remind the backward Provinces how small a sum they contribute as against the large amounts they take from the funds of the several Institutions. Likewise to stimulate to further exertion. As, however, these conditions of receiving does not apply to the Province of Herefordshire, such a condemnation as Bro. Earle has favoured me with was uncalled for.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have observed in certain Lodges of late, and with regret, a hesitation on the part of Visitors to address those greetings to the Worshipful Master which it has been, for the past thirty years, to my knowledge, the general custom amongst Freemasons to offer just previous to the closing of the work in Lodge.

On inquiry, I learn that a doubt has been expressed as to the propriety of any individual brother Visitor, not himself the Master of a Lodge, presuming to convey hearty good wishes in the name of the Lodge from which he hails, it being assumed that he has no direct authority from his Lodge so to do; and that this doubt is influencing some brethren who prefer to follow a lead without reasoning for themselves as to the direction towards which it tends.

It appears to many of my Masonic friends, and to myself, somewhat late in the day to make innovation in respect of a practice which, though not especially ordained, is, nevertheless, *lex non scripta* amongst Masons, having very much to recommend it, and, as far as one can surmise, nothing objectionable in its performance; and it will certainly require the exercise of considerable authority, and the exposition of strong reasons, to secure a general acquiescence in this proposed departure from Masonic etiquette.

If there were the slightest interference with any prerogative possessed by our "Rulers in the Craft," an argument for the abrogation of the custom might exist, but there is none such. The equality of Freemasons, *qua* Freemasons, places all present in a Lodge, except merely in respect of official duty then in course of performance, on a level, and one brother has as much right as another, nay, it is even his bounden Masonic duty, to be courteous to his hosts, and to offer his salutations on behalf of himself and his usual Lodge companions. How the reverse proposition can be maintained I know not, and should be glad to learn positively on what grounds the abandonment of the Visitors' pleasant greeting is sought for.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 16th January 1886.

"SIGN THE BOOK, BRETHREN, PLEASE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Have you ever heard the above expression as the brethren are filing out of the Lodge room to the banqueting hall? No doubt you have; but have you ever turned back over the leaves of the book and admired the pretty pictures (?) there presented? I attended a Lodge meeting the other night, and was anxious to see how many years had elapsed since my last visit. What a set of hieroglyphics met my astonished gaze! Zounds! what signatures. And how blotchy and blotty and smeared the pages were. It seemed to me that there had been a sort of caligraphic earthquake amongst the signatures, for they ran higgledy-piggledy one into another, and were leaning in all directions, like you often see tombstones in an old disused churchyard. It surely cannot be that the brethren are "top-heavy" when they enter the Lodge, whatever they may be later on. But there the names were at all manner of angles and tangents, smudged with blots—such wretched scrawls! Many were the signatures of foreign brethren, difficult enough to decipher under the most favourable circumstances, but utterly unintelligible now. The reason was not far to seek. At that hotel, which shall be nameless, they appeared to have raked up the oldest and most worn-out quill pens that could be found amongst the sweepings of an office, and with them the brethren were expected to sign legibly! How was it possible? Why you might just as well have dipped a lucifer match into the inkpot.

I mention this, not as an isolated case, and brethren will agree with me that the fault is a very common one amongst hotel proprie-

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tors to be too economical, and unwisely so, in respect to the writing materials they supply for Masonic purposes. My contention is that books, if kept at all, should be well kept, and that the brethren should be provided with proper writing materials. If a boy at school blot his copy-book he gets his ears boxed for his slovenly stupidity. If a clerk in the office commits such an offence often in his master's ledger, the chances are that his notice to quit comes upon him earlier than is congenial to his feelings. Why, then, should not a Masonic attendance book be kept in the same cleanly, tidy manner? The attendance book is a permanent record, to which brethren like to refer at frequent intervals; and to see the pages smudged and blotted in the way they often are must be a source of irritation and annoyance to many besides,

Yours fraternally,

CACOETHES SCRIBENDI.

A Masonic Ball, under the auspices of the five Leicester Lodges, in aid of the Masonic Charities, will be held at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, which have been granted for the purpose by Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., P.D.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, who has also lent his patronage to the Ball, on Tuesday, 16th February 1886. The gathering will also be under the distinguished patronage of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers R.W. Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, His Grace the Duke of St. Albans R.W. Prov. G.M. Nottinghamshire, the Most Noble the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Derbyshire, William Kelly, Esq., F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., R.W. Past Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, S. S. Partridge, Esq., Deputy Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, George Toller, Esq., P.G.S.B. England, Past Deputy Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, His Worship the Mayor of Leicester Israel Hart, Esq. Brethren will wear full Masonic clothing, and Officers of the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces are invited to appear in uniform. Tickets, which will include supper and light refreshments, —12s 6d each, double ticket 21s—may (upon the introduction of a Mason) be obtained from any member of the Ball Committee. Nicholson's Royal Quadrille Band, under the direction of Bro. Henry Nicholson, has been engaged. Further information can be obtained of Bro. S. A. Marris, Hon. Sec., Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

An entertainment was given at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, on Saturday, the 16th inst., by a number of ladies and gentlemen who take considerable interest in the School and those cared for in it. Several songs and recitations were first given, these were followed by a farce, in one act, by W. Martin, Esq., entitled "D'ye know me now?" which was itself succeeded by more songs, recitations, &c. A pleasant evening was spent by all who listened to the performances. We were pleased to see that the boys, who had that day returned to School after their holidays, were accorded the place of honour during the entertainment, they occupying the front rows of the auditorium.

The Ball of the Royal Savoy Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, and proved to be one of the most successful gatherings ever held in connection with the Craft; there being two hundred and eighty-five guests present. Dancing was carried on with enthusiasm until close on midnight, when supper was served in the Crown and Glee Rooms. A feature of the supper was that it was served hot—a veritable Masonic banquet, as many of those present observed. After supper, dancing was resumed, and the festivities were kept up until a late hour. Brother J. W. Smith the W.M. of the Lodge and the Committee of the Ball were most assiduous in the discharge of their duties, and have the gratification of knowing that their efforts proved successful. Great praise is also due to the manager of the Tavern, for his exertions on this occasion; he was most energetic in securing the comfort of all assembled, and his attention added considerably to the enjoyment.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion and Liver Complaints.—The digestion cannot be long or seriously disordered without the derangement being perceptible on the countenance. These Pills prevent both undesired consequences; they improve the appetite, and with the increase of desire for food, they augment the powers of digestion and assimilation in the stomach. Holloway's Pills deal most satisfactorily with deranged or diseased conditions of the many organs engaged in extracting nourishment for our bodies from our various diets—as the liver, stomach and bowels, over all of which they exercise the most salutary control. By resorting at an early stage of this malady to these purifying and laxative Pills, the dyspeptic is speedily restored to health and strength, and his sallowness gradually vanishes.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. Prickett, W.M., Dowsett acting I.P.M., Ravenscroft S.W., Creed J.W., Bennett acting S.D., Briggs acting J.D., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Pulley P.M. D.C., Slaughter I.G., Sherwin (a visitor of No. 1024) acting as Organist, Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Harley, Blackwell, Margrett; also Bros. Brown, Parkes, Stewart, Jones, Smallwood. Visitors—Bros. Lindars 1714, Nichols P.M. 1714, Banting W.M. 1714, Blyth Secretary 1714, Staniford Steward 1714, W.M. 2043, Cook jun. Treasurer 2043, Stubington Secretary 2043, Millard Steward 2043. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Smallwood, a candidate for degree of F.C., having answered the usual questions in a very satisfactory manner, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Smallwood was re-admitted and passed, the ceremony being correctly performed by the W.M. Bro. Jones, a candidate to be raised, gave satisfactory proof of his zeal, and in due course was raised to the sublime degree; the ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. Later on Bro. Danks's motion, "That the sum of £10 10s from the funds of the Lodge be voted and added to the W.M.'s list, on his attendance at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," was proposed, in the mover's absence, by Bro. Dowsett; it was seconded by Bro. Ravenscroft S.W. and carried. Bro. Pulley moved a resolution that a petition be presented from this Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on behalf of the son of Bro. Freeman P.M., for election into that Institution; this was seconded by Bro. Stransom (Treasurer) and carried. Bro. Margrett P.M. proposed, as a joining member to this Lodge, Bro. H. G. Sherwin, Professor of Music, of the St. Peters Lodge, No. 1024; this was seconded by Bro. Ravenscroft, and carried. After the usual routine the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1571.

THE installation meeting of this comparatively sound, but prosperous Lodge, was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, when there was a large and influential attendance of the members and visiting brethren. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Duffield was presented for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being admirably rendered by Bro. Youngman P.M. The newly-installed Master having been saluted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. S. Greenwood S.W., Bowley J.W., Correy S.D., Jones J.D., Packer I.G., H. J. Layton D.C., Kemble W.S., J. Penny P.M. Secretary, H. Sawtell Treasurer. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and Visitors partook of an excellent banquet, when the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured and responded to, the proceedings of the evening being diversified by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Wednesday, 9th inst. Brother H. M. Williams opened the Lodge at 5.30 p.m., supported by his Officers:—Bros. H. Stokes S.W., J. W. Hartley J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treas., John Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, H. Hooper S.D., A. Darch P.M. J.D., J. Fuller as I.G., F. France D.C., J. H. Worstencroft A.D.C., W. H. Simons Organist, G. R. Langley Assistant Secretary, C. Shepperd Tyler. There were also present Bros. C. H. Phillips I.P.M. J.W., Hiscox P.M., Arter, Bennett, Mordey, T. Letchford, J. Letchford, R. L. Lawson, W. H. O'Reilly, E. Bye sen., and other members. The Visitors were Bros. S. Richardson W.M. 183, J. Harling W.M. 30, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, C. Wise P.M. 1158, W. H. Williams P.M. 101, John Mason P.M. 309 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, G. W. Knight S.W. 1507, E. C. Hiscox S.W. 1159, Sydney Hill Organist 1216, E. Schultz 1745, J. Nunnerly 1815, J. Pike 1586, J. Sutton 1558, and E. Bye jun. 141. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Assistant Secretary, and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the initiation of Mr. William Taylor Cue, which was declared clear. Bros. C. W. Bennett and W. W. Arber proved proficiency, and were passed to the F.C. degree, Mr. Cue being then in attendance, was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The respective ceremonies were very ably rendered by the W.M., and were made more than usually impressive by the perfect working of the several Officers, and the appropriate musical accompaniments by Bro. Sydney Hill, who officiated as Organist. The election of Bro. Henry Stokes as W.M. for the ensuing year, by unanimous vote of the Lodge (which was a foregone conclusion, that worthy brother enjoying the highest esteem of every member), was announced amidst acclamation; as was also the re-election of Bro. Hopekirk P.M. as Treasurer. Bro. C. Shepperd was elected Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. C. H. Phillips I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel, of the Lodge pattern, was voted for presentation to the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. Williams, as a well-deserved recognition of valuable services, and a zealous and faithful discharge of the duties of the chair during the past year. The Bye-Laws of the Lodge were then read by the Assistant Secretary, Bro. G. R. Langley, who, prior to the closing of business, made a very earnest and feeling appeal to the brethren for assistance on behalf of Richard Turner Groombridge, a candidate for election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a son of the late Bro. Groombridge, publisher, of Paternoster Row. The special nature of this case made Bro. Langley's appeal one which deserved and received the sympathy of the brethren, and in the result promises of material support were given, both as regarded Lodge votes and

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those of individual members. "Hearty good wishes," that good old form of expressing the courtesy of guests toward their hosts, and of cementing Masonic friendships and the bond of union between our several Lodges, having been exchanged, the Lodge was closed in due form. Shortly afterwards the brethren assembled for dinner, and on the clearance of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given from the chair. The health of the W.M., proposed by Brother C. H. Phillips I.P.M., was drank with great cordiality, and the toast was ably responded to by Brother Williams, who modestly transferred a portion of the laudatory remarks of the proposer to his Officers for their combined exertions in perfecting the ceremonial and other work of the Lodge during his term of office, and so enabling him to vacate the chair of K.S. with credit to himself and satisfaction to all the members. The Initiate was also well received, and after the E.A. song in his honour, sung by Brother James Stevens, had been heartily "chorussed," Brother Cue expressed his great satisfaction with the introduction into Freemasonry he had that evening received, and the hope that the solemnity of the ceremony might continue to influence his future career as a member of the Order. The Masonic Charities, a toast which is far too frequently placed too low down in the list to receive that attention which its importance demands, was next given by the W.M., who referred to his intention to act as one of the Stewards at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and solicited support. He knew the present need of that Institution for generous assistance this year to maintain its power to help those of our Order who had borne the "heat and burden of the day," and who now, in their old age, required the careful and substantial sympathy of their former associates. He was very pleased to see Brother John Mason, the esteemed Collector for the Institution, present as a guest, and would couple his name with the toast. Bro. Mason in response acknowledged the service about to be rendered by the Worshipful Master, and in a very forcible speech emphatically pressed the undoubted necessity for a strong effort to maintain the efficiency of the particular Charity with which he is connected. The falling off in number of Stewards this year, as compared with the last (no less than 60 or 70), the late increase of liability, and the present increase in the number of candidates for election, were subjects of great anxiety to his Committee, their Secretary, Brother Terry, and himself, and he trusted that whilst time afforded the opportunity, for there was yet an interval of six weeks before the Festival, the laudable example of the W.M. and members of the Honor Oak Lodge would be emulated by many other Lodges. For the extremely cordial welcome given by the W.M. to the Visitors individual responses were made by those present, one and all expressing the pleasure the proceedings of the evening had afforded them. The remaining toasts — the Past Masters, the Officers, and the Tyler's—were duly proposed and acknowledged, and the brethren then separated. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother W. H. Simons, the Organist of the Lodge, who sang two or three, of his best songs, in fine style, and was assisted by Brother Sydney Hill Organist 1216, and by the vocal efforts of Bros. Darch, James Stevens, and others.

The consecration of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127 will take place on Monday next, 25th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-steeet, at 2.45 p.m. Bro. Lord Londesborough P.G.S.W. of England is the W.M. designate, Bro. Augustus Harris the S.W., and Bro. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M P., Solicitor-General, the J.W. The Grand Secretary will perform the ceremony of consecration.

The installation meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, was held on Wednesday, 20th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when Bro. Frederick Joseph Dellow was installed as Worshipful Master. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

At yesterday's meeting of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys, it was arranged that the new buildings for the Preparatory School be formally opened for the reception of the candidates elected in October last. An inspection of the new buildings was to take place at three o'clock; the reception of elected boys, in the New Assembly Hall at four; while refreshments were to be served in the dining hall of the new buildings at five. We hope to give further details next week.

A dispensation has been granted for the brethren of the Craft and Mark degrees to wear their Masonic clothing at the Ball in connection with the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, which takes place on Friday, 29th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 23rd January 1886:—

Monday—Grand Master's Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge, Mr. Amber's Dinner. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Novomagians, Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge, Metropolitan Dairymen's Ball. Thursday—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Globe Lodge. Friday—Jerusalem Lodge, London, Ross and Cromarty Ball, Emulation Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge, Urban Lodge. Saturday—St. James's Soirée, Bachelor's Quadrille Party.

The Millais Exhibition.—In the Grosvenor Galleries we have a very typical, though not complete, collection of Sir John Millais' works, which allows the younger generation another chance of seeing the pictures which first raised such a storm thirty-five years ago. From the earlier pictures we miss the "Vale of Rest," and from the latest "Cinderella," and "Cherry Ripe," but we get a very good notion of the scope of the work, and of the right to be called a great artist which is claimed by his admirers for the exhibitor. The work of arranging the pictures has not been particularly well performed, as the different periods appear to be mixed somewhat at random, and though this sometimes makes an effective contrast, as when we find the "Carpenter's Shop" and the "Portrait of Henry Irving" visible at a glance, it is unsatisfactory, in that we cannot see the development, or rather the various phases, of the artist's labours. And why does Mr. Stephens trouble us with extracts from all the past inanities of criticism, laudatory as well as vituperative, unless it be to excite derision? Who is interested, for instance, in the opinion of "a critic of the time," that "the Rescue" is one of those subjects which illustrate our ideal of the proper functions of art? Mr. Stephens himself is sometimes comic. Concerning the "Huguenot," we are told "profound emotions disturb her countenance, and absorb our admiration; but if we conceive the features undisturbed by anxiety or terror their loveliness becomes apparent, and the painter's art is rightly estimated." That is to say, if we avoid looking at the picture we begin to appreciate it. Concerning the "Black Brunswicker," Mr. Stephens says, "it was the intention of the painter to render, in the expression and air of the "Black Brunswicker, that soldier's sense of the renewed loss to his country at Ligny." This is interpretation with a vengeance. It must be conceded that as a mere taker of likenesses Sir John Millais excels. He has to an almost marvellous extent that faculty, more dramatic than artistic, of throwing himself into the character of his subject; of subordinating his own individuality to that of his sitter, a quality which is much appreciated in a portrait painter. But this lack of individuality also touches the vital distinction of the artist. Now he is Rossetti, now an early Italian, now Gainsborough, now Titian, now Reynolds, and within the last few years he has very nearly been respectable dull Frank Holl—but he is never himself. The large canvas, "Hearts are trumps," in which the heads of the three ladies are really admirably painted, is simply spoilt as a picture by the way in which he has crammed into one canvas what really belongs to half-a-dozen. It looks as if the inlaid card tables in the foreground were put there merely to show some foolish people that John Millais can paint card tables so as to look exactly like real ones. The flowers on the left are not in it—they have no business there whatever. The grey dresses are merely fidgetting and distracting, instead of being of a piece with the heads; and so throughout the picture, which is really one of his best. There is not much to choose in all his various "manners," but in mere quality he has distinctly deteriorated with prosperity. Note the delicacy, the reverence, the simplicity, almost to childishness, of the quality of painting in the Isabella, and then compare it with that of his later and popular works, such as the North-west Passage. But there is really no occasion to mourn over Millais, as some critics are doing over "The Lost Leader." He never was a leader,—only a follower. All that can be said is, that if Millais had come under the influence of a true artist, he might have been a better workman. As it is, Millais is a master of the brush and palette, a consummate imitative genius, a great interpreter of character, a man of much natural refinement, but a great artist—never.

Novelty.—"The Babes" must be getting pretty old by now, nevertheless they seem none the less attractive than when they first saw light on a public stage. They have made a small fortune for more than one house—and their domicile has been so frequently changed that it would be hardly possible to describe them as of any particular locale. They have now settled down in London, at the Novelty, where they are drawing full houses, and are sending the audiences away night after night with sides aching from the laughter they provoke. The principal parts are still sustained by Bros. Lionel Brough and Willie Edouin, with Miss Alice Atherton, while these artistes are supported by a strong company. As "The Babes" will have to make room ere long for a new burlesque, by Mr. George Dance, we advise our readers to take an early opportunity of paying them a visit, at the Novelty.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, held at the Alfred Hotel, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N., on Wednesday, the 27th instant. Bros. J. Hemming J.D. 1287 W.M., D. T. Davies 72 S.W., J. Thom 957 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Hosegood, Kaulfman, Nickolls, Barling, Paul, Mulvey, Hemming. Second Lecture—Bros. Parsons, Burgess, Procter, Davies, Whiting. Third Lecture—Bros. Bithard, Greenway, Thom. Bros. W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177 P.Z. 1056 1507 is the Preceptor, F. Silvester S.W. 193 Treasurer, G. Treadwell 1076 Secretary. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 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, 23rd JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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 7. (Instruction)
1624—Tredegar, Crown and Anchor, 79 Fleet Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murrey, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
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. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1293—Burlett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 25th JANUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
25—Loughborough, Cumbria Tavern, Cumbria 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.
46—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).
538—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.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, 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.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (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
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1412—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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. 211—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 331—Loyal Coronation, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1202—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1322—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
58—Columbian, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Meira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
142—Lily, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
[illegible]—Temperance, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible]—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
[illegible]—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
[illegible]—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
723—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
[illegible]—Belgravia, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1611—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1201—Euclid-mister, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1318—Albury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1196—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1196—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Latchmere Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1111—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
[illegible]—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Kennington Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1411—Islington, Chapman, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1510—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, Broadstreet-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. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Lisskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torlin, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1699—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1676—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025—St. George's, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon

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. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Bolton, Manchester
R.A. 1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 27th JANUARY.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stonehope 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pope'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.
1050—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)
1559—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1708—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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—Donatic, 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
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Atholl, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
986—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1064—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1285—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1469—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Horsfield, Hall (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1658—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Crewe, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Buncombe Street, York
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Howe, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—Alpress, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 28th JANUARY.

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)
51—United Mariners, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
69—Greenwich, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Clarendon-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
147—Jacques, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
158—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, 59 Chancery Lane, at 7 (Instruction)
748—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
879—Southwark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Piccadilly, Starlight, Westmoreland-street, at 8 (Inst.)
1196—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)

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1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1388—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1425—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1538—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
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)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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, Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1860—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.

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramongate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road Fane, Teignmouth
R.A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1069—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
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, 29th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
748—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
749—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, Canonbur, at 8. (In)
1305—Clarion, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1412—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick Lodge Ball, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Londonstreet, Greenwich (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, Londen Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 353—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

473—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
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. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon

SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1365—Grey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1494—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, Ye Olde Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1444—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

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Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—At the meeting held on the 19th instant, at the Victoria Mansions, Victoria Street, Bros. Wilton W.M., Masefield S.W., Hales J.W., Cottebrune P.M. Preceptor, Cross Secretary, Chapman I.G., Weeks Tyler. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Cross candidate. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his Officers in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed his duties for the first time in the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No 147.—On Thursday, 21st instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Walters W.M., Penrose S.W., Prior J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Dandridge S.D., J. Bedford Williams J.D., Mansfield I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchins (Preceptor), E. Good; also Bros. Stringer, Greener, Hunt, Keylock, Leng, Joyce, and Emblin. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leng candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was opened in the second degree, and the usual questions were well answered by Bro. Greener. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. T. D. Leng, of the Lodge of Justice, was elected a member. Bro. Penrose was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Walters for the able manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday, 20th instant. Bros. Campbell W.M., Saint S.W., Da Costa J.W., Valentine Deacon, Belchamber Preceptor, Leveine I.G., Pitt Secretary, Moss, Lashbrook, E. Valentine. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. Brother South offered himself as candidate for initiation, when the ceremony was rehearsed, much to the satisfaction of the Lodge. Brother Moss worked the fifth section of the lecture, assisted by Brother Belchamber. The first section was worked by Brother Da Costa, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Smith 193, Leveine 1349, Valentine 15 were elected members. Brother Saint was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Brother Saint proposed that Bro. Belchamber be elected Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. Brother Moss seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. All labour being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow. At the weekly meeting on Thursday, the 14th instant, there was a numerous attendance of the brethren to meet Bro. T. J. Barnes, who presided; Bros. B. Stewart S.W., W. H. Myers J.W., Moss S.D., B. Da Costa J.D., Maloney I.G., C. N. Fox Hon. Secretary. Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was resumed to the first, when the lecture was worked by the following:—Bros. L. A. Da Costa, Isaacs, E. Da Costa, Moss, Myers, and Stewart. Lodge was resumed to the second degree. Bros. B. Da Costa, Musto, Myers, Hogg, and McDonald worked the lecture. Lodge resumed to the third degree. Bros. Moss, McDonald, and Musto worked the lecture. Lodge closed in the third and second degrees in due form. Bro. Moss proposed, and Bro. Musto seconded, that Bros. L. A. Costa, Rosenthal, Isaacs, Beatly, Mead, Warman, Toole, Culver, Smith, and West become members of this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Musto proposed, and Bro. Myers seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Barnes for presiding, and Bro. Musto expressed the great pleasure it gave him and the brethren to see Bro. Barnes again amongst them. Bro. Barnes, in thanking the brethren, said it gave him a deal of pleasure and satisfaction in presiding that evening, and at seeing so many young Masons working so efficiently, and proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the Officers and Brethren who had so ably assisted him. Bro. Cary seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 21st instant.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 9th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. George Gardner (Treasurer) W.M., Wing S.W., Gomm J.W., Johnson Secretary, Williams S.D., Brown J.D., Stroud I.G., Weeks Tyler, Past Masters Bros. Ayling, Johnson, Pierpoint, Pardue, Recknell, Spiegel, Gilbert, Sims, Dodson 834, Hardy 201, Bros. Williams, Davis, Hopkins, Walden, Tilbury, Furze, Smither, Wimpsay, Wood, Craggs. Lodge opened in the three degrees, and resumed to second, when the ceremony of installation was most ably rendered by Bro. Ayling P.M. The Officers were invested by the Worshipful Master, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams candidate. Lodge closed in perfect harmony. This was a most successful meeting, at the new quarters of the Lodge of Instruction. Brethren are earnestly invited.

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"HASTEN SLOWLY."

SO much has been said and written within the last few weeks on the subject of Masonic benevolence, and the demands made upon the resources of the Craft, that a brief consideration of cause and effect in these particulars may not be inopportune at the present time. It is conceded all round—and we almost tire of hearing it reiterated at Masonic banquets—that since the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership, Freemasonry has made rapid strides in numbers and popularity. Unquestionably this is the case, as our Calendars testify, the numbers of the Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England having increased nearly seven hundred within the last decade. This may be a matter for congratulation in some respects; but, as we have had occasion frequently to demonstrate, it has been not altogether an unmixed good. Numerical strength in Freemasonry is not so much sought after as it is in friendly societies, for obvious reasons; and although we welcome within the pale of the Institution all upright and discreet men, there is too much reason to fear that many are induced to join its ranks from mercenary or other unworthy motives. The enormous number of candidates for the benefits of our Institutions is a subject for serious and earnest consideration at the present moment, and the fact reminds us that not much caution has been exercised as to the selection of candidates for the mysteries and privileges of our Order. We frequently hear it urged, especially by Past Masters who have seen the disadvantages arising from an indiscriminate admission into Lodges, that a greater degree of caution should be exercised by proposers and seconders, who are probably better acquainted with the status of those whom they desire to see introduced than are the other brethren who have to decide the result of the ballot. On the other hand, we are told that "no Lodge can flourish without Initiates," and a good deal of nonsense is talked about the "infusion of new blood." No objection could be taken to these ideas if the aspirants for Masonic benefits were proved to be capable of fulfilling their responsibilities. But how often such is not the case is apparent as every Festival comes round, when the demands upon our Charities are described as "utterly beyond the powers of the executive to cope with." This is a question that is continually cropping up, and leads us to inquire as to how far the boundaries of Masonic obligations to assist should extend. At a Lodge meeting not long ago an application was made by one who had been initiated there at least 30 years ago, who after paying a nominal subscription for five years seceded, though he subsequently joined another Lodge, to which he was a regular subscriber for twenty years or more. This brother had evidently been an active Mason, and ostensibly had done good suit and service to the Craft, otherwise on being overtaken by reverses he would not, on petition, have been relieved by one of the largest grants it is in the power of the Board of Benevolence to bestow. That fact alone was ample evidence that the brother in question had worked himself up into a position of considerable standing. Since his reverses he has been elected on the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and his total income at the present time is the annuity which he receives from that Charity. But again he is hard pressed, and being faced with serious demands upon his resources, he finds the means placed at his disposal by the bounty of the Craft totally inadequate to meet his requirements; he therefore comes back to the Lodge which he has not entered for years, and asks the brethren to recommend his petition to the Board. As a matter of course, a considerable amount of discussion arose on the question, in the course of which details of the facts, as stated now, were elicited. Then the case was argued, how far the Lodge was justified in supporting such a claim? To ignore it altogether would appear, and would probably be, cruel; but in answer to the argument as to why the applicant did not go to the Lodge to which he had regularly subscribed for upwards of twenty years? the reply was that his necessities were urgent, and that the Lodge in question was not then in session, so that he was obliged to fall back upon the one with which he had so distant an association. Again, the question arose, how were the brethren to act in such a matter? And upon this we should like, and we invite, the opinions and advice of any of our correspondents who are competent to speak upon the bearings of such a case. At another Lodge which we recently visited, the widow of a brother who was initiated in it five years ago appealed for assistance. It did not come out in evidence whether or not he became a full-fledged Mason, but it was quite clear that he was not an enthusiast, inasmuch as he had only paid half-a-year's subscription with his initiation fee, and then lapsed altogether his connection with the Order. The Lodge to which we now particularly refer is proverbial for its charitable proclivities, and here again the question arose—though it was not dictated by any spirit of stern economy—whether or not the brethren were justified in voting, out of funds furnished by the consistent supporters of the Lodge for a specific purpose, money in relief to such an appeal. The brother who proposed it stated his case very fairly and impartially, and urged that as they had established a Benevolent Fund for the relief of distress generally, it was quite within the province of the Lodge—nay, its bounden duty—to meet the case of a deserving widow, even under the most exceptional circumstances. The result was that a small sum was voted to the widow who applied. We express no opinion as to the decision of the brethren, though whether the grant was prompted by sheer generosity rather than by judicious consideration of the functions of the Lodge, or justice to the general body of subscribing members, is open to question. We too frequently find that remarks on the "unbounded charity" of the Masonic Fraternity, and the principles of universal benevolence, come from young and inexperienced Masons, who, burning with the enthusiasm which their admission into the Order naturally inspires, would "rush in" where others, of greater knowledge of the whole bearings of the matter, would "fear to tread." To relieve every stranger at the gate who might present himself, as really or apparently needy, would break the back of any Institution, however sound, so far as its legitimate scope is concerned, and indiscriminate bounty would open the door to all sorts of imposture and deceit. In the instance to which last reference was made, the sum of five guineas was proposed to be given from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, and in our view the members exercised a very wise discretion when they decided that a less amount was sufficient to meet the exigencies of the case before them. It must be clear to all who have had any lengthened experience with these matters that many men join our Lodges with the view of how much they can "get out of them." We have often pointed out the extreme and urgent desirability of caution

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in recommending candidates for admission into Freemasonry; and we cannot do better than refer to the key-note struck by the Grand Secretary of England, a few nights ago, at the consecration of the Drury Lane Lodge, which was so splendidly inaugurated under the auspices of Bro. Augustus Harris, the enterprising and eminently successful proprietor of Drury Lane Theatre. On that brilliant occasion, when there were so many Grand and Provincial Grand Officers present, Colonel Shadwell Clerke gave vent to sentiments on this subject which will be endorsed by every right-thinking member of the Fraternity. He said, in as many words, that the most extreme caution was necessary as to the recommendation of aspirants for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, for when a popular Lodge was started there was always a large number of candidates who wanted to rush into it. In concluding his words of admonition, the Grand Secretary gave as his text, the lessons from which we trust will be pondered and acted upon by all who might read his timely observations. He said, "I warn this Lodge, as I have warned others, to be very careful in this respect, and to 'hasten slowly,' for the more difficult it is to join a Lodge, the better class of members there will be in the long run." This is a point we have always consistently urged, and the force of the argument will be readily conceded by all who have watched the progress of Freemasonry during the past few years. It is not always, however, that the indiscriminate admission of candidates is confined to young Lodges who have a promising and popular career before them. In how many Lodges where, perhaps from lax administration, or the machinations of partizans, do we find that the legitimate roll of members has become "small by degrees and beautifully less," often to such an extent that initiates are eagerly sought after, in order to sustain breath within the body of the Lodge, and to save it from a condition of pulmonary consumption? A knowledge of these facts fully justifies us in the expression of the views with which we open this article, feeling assured that, as the records of our benevolent funds confirm, there are many men induced—we were almost about to say, encouraged—to join the ranks of Freemasonry who should never have become Masons. Before a man is proposed in any Lodge it should be absolutely ascertained why and wherefore he is prompted in the wish to take that important step in life; and in the present day, when the demands upon our Charitable Institutions are so heavy, it becomes more and more imperative that the strictest caution should be exercised with regard to adding to the strength of our Lodges. Not only do we find that many are admitted, only to strut their "brief hour upon the stage" of Masonic life, and then to fall back on the bounty of the Order, owing to their inability to fulfil responsibilities which they might know they were incapable of before entering; but there is even greater danger in the number of men who, though well-to-do, and perfectly free from any apprehension that they will become burdens upon the Craft, are to be found struggling to enter our Lodges for purposes entirely of their own. Thus we see too many class Lodges springing into existence, into which men who are aiming at positions, political and otherwise, are desirous of "rushing in." It will be an evil day when the political element usurps a prominent place in Freemasonry, or when it is tolerated in the slightest degree; and to see men who are aspiring to popularity, on the School Board, in the Vestry, or in Town Councils, eagerly anxious to make Freemasonry a royal road to the achivement of their ambitions desires is to our mind a tendency which should receive a prompt and decisive check at the hands of all true friends of our Order. We trust, therefore, that not only the new Lodge which the Grand Secretary addressed so practically and fraternally on Monday, and which promises so brilliant a career, but all other sections of the Craft will put into practice the caution which is implied in the terse but significant words bequeathed to all of them, and they are, to "hasten slowly."

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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 3rd 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 beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st October 1885 to the 19th January 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	102	1	11	Disbursements during the quarter -	402	19	9
„ Unappropriated Account -	188	8	10	Balance - -	43	5	2
Subsequent Receipts -	340	16	6	„ Unappropriated Account -	185	2	4
	£631	7	3		£631	7	3

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

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

1st. From Companions Abel Penfold as Z., Robert James Warren as H., John Aillud as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, North Woolwich, to be called the Henley Chapter, and to meet at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, in the county of Kent.

2nd. From Companions Nathaniel Merridew as Z., Herbert Standing as H., Frederic La Coque Thorne as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Leamington, to be called the Guy's Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Leamington, in the county of Warwick.

3rd. From Companions the Rev. Charles J. Martyn as Z., Joseph Francis Hills as H., Frederick Wheeler as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, to be called the Martyn Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury, in the county of Suffolk.

4th. From Companions Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott as Z., Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis, M.P., as H., Alderman Sir Robert Nicholas Fowler, Bart., M.P., as J., and nineteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, London, to be called the Grand Master's Chapter, and to meet at Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's, London.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, Hull, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882. This memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th January 1886.

To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Royal Arch Regulations—with Amendments received since the Quarterly Convocation.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Dean M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.N., Edmonds P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a complete and creditable manner. R.A. Masons should visit this Chapter of Improvement, and prepare themselves for the various officers in their Chapters.

The admission of fifteen boys, elected in October last to the advantages of the Preparatory School at Wood Green, took place on Friday last, and we congratulate the Craft upon the inauguration of the new premises. There was only a formal and unostentatious ceremony, but we trust that, now the new building has been completed, and that provision has been made for the reception of one hundred scholars, the necessary funds, which are the *summum bonum* of success in the matter, will be forthcoming, and, should there be sufficient applications, the School may be worked at its full strength at no distant date.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, City, when Brother Frederick Joseph Dellow was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. Brother Thomas Francis Harvey W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by his Officers and a goodly number of members and visitors. Having confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting Brother Harvey proceeded to pass Brother Butcher to the second degree. Another brother who was expected to seek similar advancement, and another who is awaiting his third degree, were unfortunately prevented from being present, so that the next ceremony before the Lodge was the installation of Worshipful Master. Brother Dellow S.W. was presented, and duly obligated by the Worshipful Master, who then resigned his chair in favour of Brother A. H. Brown P.M. who inducted the Worshipful Master elect into the chair of the Lodge with marked ability. In due course the following were appointed the Officers of the Lodge for the year:—Bros. Cant S.W., Blain J.W., Lacey P.M. Treasurer, Webb P.M. Secretary, Wiles S.D., Richardson J.D., Seddon P.M. Organist, Higgs I.G., Magee D.C., Miller Steward, and Very Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. Brother J. S. Fraser offered his services as Steward at the next Festival for the Girls' Institution; which were accepted, and ten guineas was voted in aid of his list. The death was announced of Brother Milburn, whose widow was in most distressed circumstances. This brother was initiated in the year 1879, but had only paid half a years' subscription to the Lodge, after which period his association with Freemasonry lapsed. However, considering the distressed circumstances in which the widow was placed, the brethren voted her the sum of three guineas. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. rose and addressed the Lodge on the question of Brother John Newton's retirement from official duties as Secretary. Brother Newton, to the regret of every member of the Lodge, had felt it incumbent upon him, having regard to his other duties, to adopt this course, but it was gratifying to know that the Lodge was in an eminently sound financial position, and this was mainly attributable to the energy and zeal that Brother Newton had thrown into his work during the 18 years he had conducted the business of the Lodge as its Secretary. It was arranged that a Secretary's jewel, of modest and unpretentious character, should be provided at the expense of the Lodge, for presentation to Brother Newton, and which he trusted that Brother would feel much gratification in wearing. He had retired from active duty in the Lodge in full vigour, and he had promised to give every assistance that was in his power to his successor. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Captain T. F. Harvey on his retirement from the chair, and after the transaction of some other business, the members and their Visitors partook of an excellent banquet, supplied under the direction of Brother J. Marcham. In giving the loyal toasts the Worshipful Master referred to the successful period during which Her Majesty had governed; her reign had only been exceeded by three monarchs of this country. The Prince of Wales was in every sense of the word a courteous gentleman, and it was a gratifying proof of his interest in Freemasonry that his eldest son Prince Edward, had been initiated into the Craft. The Immediate Past Master in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said he felt he might congratulate the Lodge upon having so popular a man and Mason as Brother Dellow to rule over the Sincerity Lodge for the ensuing year. The toast was received with applause, and Brother Dellow, after returning thanks for the honour they had done him, said he had a difficult task in responding to the toast, inasmuch as more had been placed to his credit than he deserved. After the many able Masters who had gone before him, he feared he should not be able to acquit himself so well as he might desire, but he would strive. In proposing the toast of the Immediate Past Master he said there could be but one opinion,—that Brother Harvey had fulfilled his duties to the utmost satisfaction of the brethren. He trusted their esteemed Immediate Past Master might be spared many years to aid the Lodge by his council, experience, and advice. Brother Harvey suitably returned thanks for the kindness with which the mention of his name had been received; he assured the brethren the jewel with which he had been presented would be prized as long as he lived. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Past Masters, whom he designated the backbone of the Lodge. He was pleased to see so large a muster present that evening, no less than eleven having put in an appearance, and he associated with the toast the name of Brother John Newton, who for so many years had been connected with the Lodge as its Secretary, and had discharged the duties of that onerous position with fidelity, fervency, and zeal. Bro. John Newton in response, said the Past Masters, from the oldest to the youngest, took a deep interest in the affairs of the Lodge, and were gratified at the position it now held. He sketched his somewhat lengthy career in connection with the Sincerity Lodge; he remembered, 25 years ago, when he was initiated by Bro. Bulmer, who was now present. He had never regretted that step, for during his connection with Freemasonry he had made many friends, who had helped his forward, and in due course he attained the exalted position of Master of the Lodge. At the close of his year of office the question arose as to who should instal his successor. There were two aspirants for this honour, and as to adjudicate between the rival claimants would involve grave responsibility, he decided to take the duty upon himself. He was proud to know this inaugurated a new era, and he was able to say that the Lodge of Sincerity had never since had occasion to go outside its doors for the services of an installing officer. He again returned thanks for their kindness to him during his long association with the Lodge and trusted he might live many years to assist in its advancement and prosperity. The W.M. then welcomed the Visitors, on whose behalf Bros. Mansfield, Tickle, Cock, Scott, Berry, Morgan, and others replied, and in due course the proceedings were closed in a befitting manner by the Tyler. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, under the direction of Madame Conch. Amongst the Visitors present were:—Bros. Brittain S.D. 1278, Cock W.M. 1597, Scott 933, Toulmin 1503, Knott 177, Mansfield P.M. 21 P.G.S., Tickle 1702 P.P.G.R. Middlesex, T. H. Spiller 49, C. H. Spiller 49, Brown 1364, Allard 1421, Morgan I.P.M. 211.

EAST MEDINA LODGE, No. 175.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, on Wednesday, the 20th instant. The following Officers and members of the Lodge were present:—Bros. J. L. Stobbs P.G. Steward W.M., Tenison Smith I.P.M., H. E. Matthews S.W., H. Durrant J.W., Francis Newman P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, Charles Carter Secretary, O. B. Gabell S.D., Henry Davis J.D., B. J. Marvin D.C., W. Andrews I.G., W. H. Long Steward, Miah Willis Tyler, Gen. the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe P.M. P.P.G.S.W. (P.P.G.J.W. England), G. H. Pack P.M. P.P.G.J.D., James Lowe P.M., Ernest Groves P.M., E. G. Stroud, A. Dransfield, John I. Barton, and Alfred Dashwood. Among the Visitors were Bros. John McQueen W.M. 11; H. C. Manners W.M., G. A. Marsell P.M. P.P.G.D., and Robert Collingford I.G., all of 35; A. J. Simmons 74; J. G. Garnham W.M., S. Wheeler P.M. P.G.J.D., H. M. Wavell S.D., and G. A. Brannon I.G., all of 151; John W. Gieve I.P.M. 309; F. Topham Jones W.M., A. Scott P.M., T. H. Petherick P.M., and F. Trueman, all of 551; Lord John H. Taylour W.M. P.P.G.W. New South Wales, W. Menzies P.M., and W. Hammond Riddett J.D., all of 698, J. C. Hopwood S.D. 1457, H. H. Durrant 1697, James Conner P.M. Sec. 1869; A. Greenham S.W., and W. T. Swayne, both of 1884. As private business had prevented the Senior Warden, Bro. Matthews, from undertaking the duties of office during the ensuing year, Bro. H. Durrant J.W. had been unanimously elected Worshipful Master, and having been presented by the I.P.M., Bro. Stobbs, the ceremony of installing him in the chair was most impressively performed by Brother Francis Newman P.M. P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Matthews S.W., Carter J.W., Newman Treasurer, Gabell Secretary, Davis S.D., Andrews J.D., Smith D.C., Ellery Organist, Long I.G., Dansfield, Stroud, and Keet Stewards, Willis Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge in recognition of the able manner in which the duties of the chair had been carried out during the past year, was presented to Brother Stobbs by Brother Newman, who gave appropriate expression to the appreciation in which Brother Stobbs' services were held. The manner in which the remaining business of the day, which included a raising, was carried out, testified the wisdom of the choice the Lodge had made, and was a striking proof of the excellence of the training and the capabilities of the Worshipful Master and his Officers. After the Lodge was closed most of those present adjourned to Yelf's Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. Pack, in that excellent style for which he has an established reputation. Grace, after meat having been said, due honour was done to the toasts of the Queen and Craft, the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. In reply to the latter toast, Gen. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe Past G.J.W. thanked the Worshipful Master for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. He said all who had had the privilege of being associated with the Grand Master the Prince of Wales in Masonic work could testify to the attention His Royal Highness gave to the duties of his office, and the urbanity which characterised his connection with his subordinate officers, on whom his good example had an excellent effect. The Worshipful Master proposed in an appropriate manner the toast of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. He coupled with the toast the name of Brother Francis Newman P.P.G.S.W. Brother Newman, in responding to the toast, eulogised the services rendered to the Craft by the Provincial Grand Master, Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who devoted a great deal of time to his duties, and had only been absent from one meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge since he had held the office. It was a source of great gratification to the brethren at Ryde that Brother Le Feuvre, who had so distinguished himself by the exemplary way in which he had carried out the arduous duties of Prov. Grand Secretary, should have been raised to the well earned dignity of Deputy Provincial Grand Master at a Provincial Lodge held there in the course of last year. From his knowledge of the present Provincial Officers, Bro. Newman said he could assure his hearers they had a sincere desire to carry out their duties in a proper manner. The I.P.M., Bro. Stobbs, said it was with particular pleasure he availed himself of the privilege he had to propose the health of the W.M. He had watched with interest the able manner in which Bro. Durrant had performed the duties appertaining to the various offices he had already held in the Lodge, and he saw he was resolved to be thorough in all he undertook. This was an earnest of the manner in which the more important duties now devolving on him would be carried out. The W.M. briefly returned thanks, and expressed a hope that, though a young Mason, he should be able to perform his duties in a proper manner. The W.M. in proposing the Masonic Charities, alluded to the several institutions by means of which the stream of Masonic charity was effectively directed, and said that though the relief of distress was the duty of all men, it was a duty especially incumbent on Masons, whose secret was "the art of doing good." Bro. Groves, whose name had been coupled with the toast, said the East Medina Lodge was determined to do something substantial this year for one of the three leading Masonic

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Charitable Institutions. He was going up as Steward for the Boys' School, and hoped to be able to take a good round sum with him. He should be glad to be entrusted with contributions from any other Lodge in the Island that was not sending up a steward of its own. A collection which was then made at the table amounted to £3. Bro. Tenison Smith proposed the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Stobbs, to whom he paid a high compliment for the manner in which he had filled the Master's chair during the past year, especially referring to the inconvenience to which he had put himself on several occasions when he had come a long distance solely in order to be present at Lodge. Bro. Stobbs expressed his thanks for the cordial reception they had given to the flattering terms of the toast, and said he had been induced to take charge of the ship 12 months ago, when the opportunity was offered him, from the knowledge he had of the excellence of the crew with which it was manned. He felt much indebted to his Officers for the help they had given him; their ready co-operation had made any efforts on his part a pleasure. His only source of regret was that his Senior Warden had not felt himself well enough to follow him in the chair, but they all felt assured they possessed a most worthy substitute in Bro. Durrant. Bro. Gen. the Hon. J. G. S. Calthorpe proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Newman, and spoke in complimentary terms of the admirable and impressive manner in which that day's ceremony had been performed. No brother in the neighbourhood could compare in knowledge of the Craft with Bro. Newman, to whom the speaker said he was himself indebted for his initiation into Masonry, and he cordially and sincerely wished him long life and happiness. Bro. Newman expressed his thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received, and said he certainly felt it an honour to have initated into that Lodge a brother who was so soon after made an Officer of Grand Lodge. It was a great pleasure to himself to be present at an installation, and in none was he more pleased to take part than that of the East Medina Lodge. There had been 31 installations in that Lodge since he had been a member of it, and at only two had he failed to be present, once when he was snowbound, and once when he was detained at Winchester on a law case. Bro. Pack proposed the Visitors, to whom in the name of the brethren of East Medina Lodge he extended a hearty welcome in cordial and appropriate terms. It was with great pleasure they had noted in their Lodge that day the presence of every W.M. in the Island. The compliment was replied to, and the hospitality of the brethren of the East Medina Lodge was warmly acknowledged, by Bros. McQueen 11, Garnham 151, Topham Jones 551, Gieve 309, Lord John Taylour 698, Simmons 74, and G. A. Brannon 151 for Bros. Manners 35 and Hopwood 1457, who had been compelled to leave by train. In proposing the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. said the Lodge had just reason to congratulate itself on the large number of Past Masters who continued to take an active interest in the work of the Lodge; and to the attention and trouble they bestowed on the Lodge of Instruction was attributable in a very great degree the excellence of the working on which the Officers had been complimented that day. The Lodge was especially indebted to Bros. Newman, Groves, and Lowe, in this respect. Brother Lowe, in response, said he had not of late attended the Lodge of Instruction so regularly as formerly, but he was at all times ready to assist when required. He could endorse all that had been said in favour of a Lodge of Instruction, and could assure the younger members it was the only way to gain a proper knowledge of the work. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was proposed by Brother Mervin in a brief and appropriate speech. The toast was responded to by Brother Matthews S.W., who said he hoped his engagements and health would permit him to go on to the chair next year. Bros. Carter, Gabell, Andrews, Long, Tenison Smith, Dransfield, Stroud, and Keel also responded. The Tyler's toast having been honoured, Brother Dudley Watkins proposed the host and hostess, speaking in high terms of the admirable manner in which they had provided for the comfort of their guests. The toast was warmly drunk and appropriately acknowledged. During the evening a capital programme of music and recitations was gone through by the following:—Bros. Dudley Watkins, Gieve, Petherick, Topham Jones, Gabell, Conner, Ellery, and McQueen. Bro. Dudley Watkins also gave a clever ventriloquial performance.

MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 179.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their annual installation on Thursday, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, the following Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge being present: W. F. Hughes W.M., J. Ellwood S.W., G. Westman J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, Jas. Kew P.M. Secretary, Walter Dickeson P.M., H. A. Lovett P.M., L. Dettmer P.M., A. E. Hughes S.D., F. J. Hughes Steward, H. Brinkmann D.C., J. Herbert Kew Assistant D.C., J. W. Cain and W. G. Baker Musical Directors. The usual routine business having been disposed of Bro. Ungar was raised, and Bro. Bryant was passed, after which Bro. Ellwood was presented as Worshipful Master elect, and duly installed into the chair of the Lodge. He appointed the following as his Officers: C. G. Westman S.W., A. Hughes J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, J. Kew P.M. Secretary, C. Mulvey S.D., J. Gittens J.D., H. Brinkmann I.G., F. Hughes Assistant Secretary, J. H. Kew D.C., W. Baker Assistant D.C., W. Dickeson P.M. Steward, J. Cain and J. Bromley Musical Directors, Whiting P.M. Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony Messrs. Thomas Simkins, Charles Edward Oscar Walker, James Watts and William James were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the newly-installed Master. A Joining member was elected and formally welcomed as a member of the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, who, in a few words expressed the pleasure he and the other brethren of the Lodge experienced in welcoming their new member. Auditors for the Benevolent Fund having been appointed it was announced that after the next meeting of the Lodge a Soirée would be held, at which ladies would be welcomed. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who will act as Steward at the coming Festival of that Institution, and, after the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured. The health of the Queen having been enthusiastically drunk, the W.M. proposed the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This toast, he said, was sure of as hearty a welcome as had been accorded to the previous one. The brethren all knew the great interest His Royal Highness took in the welfare of the Craft. Anything he could do for its welfare he was only too willing to perform. He could not of course be present at all the meetings where he would be welcomed, or where he would like to be, but as far as possible he did everything needed for the welfare of Freemasonry. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, were next toasted. The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other brethren comprised in this toast, one and all, took a great interest in Freemasonry. It would indeed be a hard task for the Grand Master were it not for the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M., who well and worthily perform many of the duties which would, without them, devolve on the head of the Order. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Hughes, next assumed the gavel. The special toast he had to propose that night was a most important one—indeed no other proposed or to be proposed that evening was of so important a character to the members of the Manchester Lodge, it being that of the present Worshipful Master. It was gratifying to the members of the Lodge to know that the brother who had that night been installed as Master was capable of carrying out the duties attached to the office in a manner creditable to himself and the members of the Lodge generally. He felt he could not say sufficient in praise of Bro. Ellwood, but would call on the brethren to drink to his very good health, long life and prosperity. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. As the proposer of the toast had said, he should do all that lay in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge. He trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to carry out the work of his office as ably as the members might desire it carried out, and that when the time for his retirement came round the brethren would be able to say he had done his duty. He remembered that on the night of his initiation in the Manchester Lodge, when Bro. Lovett occupied the chair, he had said that from his brief experience of Freemasonry it would be his desire to rise to the office of Master. He had never lost sight of that ambition, and now that he had risen to the dignity of ruler he could but heartily thank the brethren for the way in which they had elected him to the post, and for the hearty reception they had accorded him on the first occasion he had presided over the Lodge. He next proposed the health of his predecessor, Bro. Hughes, the Installing Master of the evening. Bro. Hughes had performed the ceremony of installation most creditably, and had shown his ability in the other work required of him during his term of office. In having so able a brother sitting on his left the Worshipful Master felt he should at all times be sure of any assistance he might require, and there were times when the best of them needed a little prompting. He had much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Hughes the very handsome emblem for past services which had been voted to him by the members of the Lodge. He felt that Bro. Hughes had eminently deserved the honour conferred on him, and in presenting the jewel he hoped he might be spared to wear it out. Bro. Hughes tendered his thanks for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, for its hearty reception, and for the handsome jewel which had just been presented him. It was a great gratification to him to know that his year of office had ended so satisfactorily as it appeared to have done, and that the brethren were satisfied with what he had done as Master of the Manchester Lodge. He trusted the Lodge would continue in its present state of efficiency. Much of the success of a Lodge depended on the Worshipful Master, but still more on the way in which the brethren rallied round their ruler. Wishing prosperity for the Lodge, he again thanked the brethren for their many kindnesses to him. The Master next proposed the toast of the initiates. Without initiates a Lodge would soon go down, but such was hardly to be expected in the case of the Manchester if they went on as they had begun their present year, when they had the pleasure of welcoming four initiates among them. The Master felt sure the Manchester Lodge would never suffer from a lack of new members, for although it was not possible for those in it to ask outsiders to join, yet they had many friends who were anxious to be admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry, and who were well acquainted with the high standing of the Manchester Lodge. He heartily welcomed the four brethren who had been initiated that night. Bro. Simkins having returned his thanks, said he felt very proud to be admitted a member of the Manchester Lodge. He should at all times be pleased to be among the brethren, and do what he could to advance the welfare of Freemasonry. Bro. Walker thanked the brethren for the heartiness of the reception they had accorded him. He trusted that in his after life he might do all that lay in his power to advance the interests and welfare of the Craft. Bro. Watts also thanked the brethren. He trusted he might follow in the footsteps of the Worshipful Master, and attain to the highest position in the Lodge. Bro. James felt the brethren had conferred a great honour on him that night. He hoped and trusted that he might long be spared to be among them, and that he might so act as to become a thoroughly good Mason. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and to this several brethren responded. Bro. Goodchild had been especially delighted to see the way in which the ceremonies had been worked in the Lodge. Bro. Garratt was pleased to have been present. The installation ceremony had been most ably worked—in a manner which any body of Masons might well be proud of. He felt that the Manchester Lodge would lose none of its lustre under the rule of its present Master, but that it would progress during the current year as it had done in the past. He was sorry he had not been able to visit the Lodge as often as he had been invited.

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After the pleasant hours he had spent there that day he should endeavour not to lose any opportunity he might have of visiting them. Bro. Marsh followed. It was very interesting to see the retiring Master of a Lodge instal his successor, and to perform the ceremony as ably as had Bro. Hughes that day. The manner in which the present Master had performed the work he had had to do since his installation was also most creditable, and augured well for the Manchester Lodge. Bro. Marsh referred to the Stewardship of the Worshipful Master for the Benevolent Institution, and forcibly urged the brethren to do their utmost on behalf of the Old People. Bro. Smith added his thanks, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the Lodge in so prosperous a condition. Many of his friends were associated with it, and he felt special interest in its welfare. Bro. Morgan also replied. While thanking the brethren for their hearty reception, he regretted the cause which brought him to the Manchester Lodge, in place of the late Bro. Levy, who had so long represented the Masonic Press at the meetings of this Lodge. He concluded by hoping the Worshipful Master might have a prosperous year of office, and the Lodge a successful future. The toast of the Past Masters was next given, Bro. Hughes returning his sincere thanks, and hoping the Past Masters deserved the many kind things which were said in their favour. They were always willing to help the Master or any of the members in any way that lay in their power. No task was too hard for them to attempt, but in the Manchester Lodge they had little or nothing to do, as the brethren who were elected as its rulers were such apt workers as to need no help in the different ceremonies. He was pleased to see Bro. Ellwood in the chair, for although they had been accustomed to good rulers in the Manchester Lodge, he felt the present head would excel his predecessors. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was a very deserving one—the Masonic Charities. He was pleased to say the Manchester Lodge and its members were always ready and willing to support the Institutions of the Order. Bro. P.M. Hopekirk replied. The charity of Freemasons reflected great credit on the Order. It was the benevolence of the brethren which allowed the evening's enjoyment to bear the morning's reflection. Bro. Hopekirk made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Institutions, asking each of the brethren to do their utmost in support of the list of the Worshipful Master for the coming Festival. None of them knew the amount of good they might do if they worked zealously on behalf of the Charities—for those who were in distress and unable to plead for themselves. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted. The Worshipful Master felt sure the same cordial reception would be given to this toast as had been accorded to those which had preceded it. The brethren he had appointed to office were efficient, and would do their best to perform the work required of them to the satisfaction of all; he knew they would help him, and he hoped that together they would be able to manage the Lodge successfully. Bro. Westman was very pleased the Worshipful Master had appointed him to so important a post, and he trusted that he might discharge the duties attached to it as much to the satisfaction of the brethren as he had that of Junior Warden, filled by him last year. His ambition was to assume the chair as soon as possible, and he hoped he might merit the approval of the brethren when he was eligible for it. Brother Hughes also replied, expressing his thanks. Bro. Kew Secretary followed. It was, he thought, well-known that his desire was to help any of the members of the Manchester Lodge and to do anything in his power to advance its interests. Other of the Officers having responded, the Tyler's toast was given and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. Nathaniel Goodchild P.M. 704, J. Weston P.M. 1602, E. W. Scattergood W.M. 753, James Thorn 957, J. Lawrence 1788, J. Judge 829, G. Moy 1744, G. A. Garratt P.M. 704, Charles H. Thomas 1696, C. Peters 575, J. J. Marsh P.P.G.S.B. Middx., G. H. Wood 1572, A. Woolsey 228, G. A. Stewart 1634, T. C. Pratt 957, Joseph Lichtenfeld 205, J. W. Smith W.M. 1744, H. Slyman P.M. 753 1637 W.M. 1900, W. T. P. Montgomery S.W. 1705, W. Sitch 1257, W. Holland 141, A. Giddings W.M. elect 1446, G. W. Marsden jun. W.M. 1329, Cecil Collard 8, H. T. Underwood 780, Harry Ellis 525, and others.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Friday, the 15th inst., when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The W.M. elect Bro. F. S. Hancock S.W. was duly installed, the ceremony, at the request of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Bush, being performed by Bro. Wm. Knott P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Wilts. The newly-installed Master afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. T. C. Hopkins S.W., W. L. Tucker J.W., W. Nott P.M. Treasurer, H. I. Ward P.M. Secretary, H. J. Johnson S.D., N. I. Beale P.M. 936 J.D., W. H. Burt P.M. D.C., F. Sloper I.G., H. Howse P.M., W. Cooper and B. W. Crees Stewards, C. R. Barnes Tyler. The Officers on investment were severally addressed on their responsibilities by the W.M., who to the Treasurer expressed his regret that he (Bro. Nott) had felt compelled to resign the more active duties of the office of Secretary, which he had filled for the past sixteen years, though the Lodge would still have the benefit of his assistance to the new Secretary, Bro. Ward. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. In addition to those members already mentioned there were present Bros. T. H. Chandler P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Wilts and J. A. Randell P.M., whilst amongst the Visitors were Bros. A. J. Beaven P.M. 1271 P.P.G.P. Wilts, Jas. Lesker P.M. 135, W. Wilson W.M. elect 906 P.P.G.D.C. Somerset, T. S. Hill P.M. 632, J. H. Foley W.M. elect 632, T. E. Wilton J.W. 41, H. Applegate J.D. 632, Jas. Pocock 632, G. L. Palmer 632, J. G. Wilton I.G. 41, &c. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the customary annual banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro. Beale, at the Bear Hotel.

DOBIE LODGE, No. 889.

HIGH festival was held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, on the 20th instant, when over fifty brethren—members and visitors—assembled in Lodge to assist at the installation of Bro. Weaver as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The outgoing Master, Bro. Tisley, installed his successor with an exactitude and expression which called forth the highest praise from Bro. Case P.G.D. P.M. of No. 1, and Bro. Smales, a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Yorkshire. The W.M., who is a P.M. of the Lily Lodge, 820, appointed as his Officers:—Bros. Chapman S.W., W. Drewett S.D. 1638 J.W., Long P.M. Treasurer, Squire P.M. Secretary, F. Porter S.D., George Wall J.D., J. H. Jarvis I.G., John Drewett S.W. 1638 D.C. After labour a récherché banquet was provided by Bro. W. H. Sharp, at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, and the usual list of toasts was gone through. Bros. Hodges, Drewett, Honeywell, Coppinger, and others contributed music, which rendered the proceedings most enjoyable. The Dobie Lodge has voted fifty guineas during the past year to the three Masonic Charities, and has relieved a distressed member.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith, the Worshipful Master of the past year. He was supported by W. M. Stiles I.P.M., James C. Smith S.W. W.M. elect, H. Dickey Secretary, W. Jaques S.D., W. H. Barling J.D., R. Ross D.C., C. Holland I.G., G. Mordey Organist, E. Perry Steward, H. Verdin Asst. Steward, W. A. Scurrah Asst. Secretary, H. Koester Tyler, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Charles Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer England, Frederick Binckes Past Grand Steward, Henry Stiles P.M. 1732, C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, T. E. Bathard P.M. 1287, E. J. Day Org. 1681, T. J. Spencer I.P.M. 73, Francis Izant 27, A. W. Fenner P.M. 1693, 1227, James Thorn 957, Alfred Woodliffe 87, J. Howman S.W. 1381, T. Clark P.M 1178, M. Christian W.M. 860, G. W. Thompson 169, E. Ayling P.M. 975, J. Mason P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, A. Cook 1366, E. Donaldson Treasurer 1763, Thomas Markland P.M. 144, M. J. Green 1987, W. S. Fann S.W. 538, R. W. Fraser A.D.C. 1507, W. Fountain, G. Emblin S.D. 147, A. H. Scurrah 2048, W. Lewis Baker 1, R. C. Luker P.M. 435, C. G. Taylor 1319, Joseph Greenway D.C. 1310, Chas. A. Wilkes S.W. 858, G. H. Tournay 1541, J. Harrington 754, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, A. R. Taylor J.W. 144, T. Chapman 1922, John W. Hare Stwd. 1987, T. C. Edmonds J.W. 1507, R. Andrews 35, F. Martin P.M. 252, A. G. Fidler W.M. 754, G. W. Mitchell W.M. 615, W. Thomas 1853, J. D. Simmonds 72, A. Bryant P.M. 1237, Lewis Solomon P.M. 1732, T. G. W. Gwyer I.P.M. 1288, D. T. Davies 72 P.M., Surridge 2048, W. Procter S.W. 1288, P. J. Cook P.M. 913, E. J. Sadgrove 2047, W. W. Lee 1897, John Paul J.D. 1287, B. Kauffmann J.W. 1732, G. R. Bolton S.W. 1314, J. J. Michael P.M. 1107, G. Garrett P.M. 1366, W. F. Hughes P.M. 179, A. D. Faulkner, James Hemmings S.D. 1287, Paul Storr 811, J. W. Cain, M.D. 179, G. W. Meacock 752, A. Sumner S.W. 177, M. J. Rowley 1507, G. Dickinson S.D. 1861, J. Irvine S.D. 862, M. Bellary 1237, A. H. Sandle W.M. 1599, W. H. Wadham 1642, H. Sillis A.D.C. 957, Charles Dodd 1194, Edwin Storr I.P.M. 167, and others. The usual formalities having been observed, the report of the Audit Committee was received, after which Bro. J. C. Smith was installed as W.M., his predecessor in the chair performing the ceremony with marked ability. The following brethren were appointed as the new Officers:—Bros. Dickey S.W., Jaques J.W., Willing P.M. Treasurer, W. A. Scurrah Secretary, Barling S.D., Holland J.D., Ross I.G., Mordey and Verdin Stewards, H. E. Price Organist, Knightley Assistant Secretary, Koester Tyler. Previous to the closing of the Lodge the retiring Worshipful Master was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which bore the following inscriptions:—
On the obverse:—

No. 1744,
ROYAL SAVOY LODGE,
Founder
(Septimus).
Presented to
Bro. J. W. SMITH P.M.,
by the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744,
as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. 1885-6.

After the conclusion of the business, the brethren repaired to the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was served, and an enjoyable evening spent. About one hundred and fifty members and visitors sat down. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual toasts were given from the chair. The Worshipful Master said that in all grades of society the toast of the Queen was always received with enthusiasm, but he felt sure it was never more thoroughly welcomed than when proposed at a Masonic meeting. Not only was the Queen beloved by Freemasons, as the mother of their Grand Master, she was also a zealous supporter of the noble Charities associated with the Order. He had pleasure in submitting her health, coupled with success to the Craft. In proposing the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he felt it was hardly necessary for him to dilate on the many good qualities of the Most Wor. Grand Master. Were he to attempt to do so, he could only repeat what was already known to those around him. The Masonic brethren were very pleased at having so distinguished a personage as the heir to the throne at their head, and respected him both for what he did to advance the interests of the Order and for his enthusiasm on behalf of the Charities. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was the next toast. The brethren would take an especial delight in drinking to the health of the two noblemen at the head of this toast. In the absence of the Grand Master, whose duties were so numerous as to prevent his

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attendance at Masonic meetings as often as was desirable it was most gratifying the brethren had two such Masons as the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom to preside. With such men as the Grand Officers of England at the head of affairs Masons might rest satisfied that everything that was possible to advance the interests of Freemasonry would be done. The Worshipful Master had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer, to whom he extended a hearty welcome. Bro. Greenwood tendered his thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers of England. The many kind things said of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were richly deserved. He felt that under the rule of such Masons the Order must prosper. He was personally gratified at being present, and regretted other engagements had prevented his seeing the retiring Master instal his successor. One of the proudest things a Lodge could wish for was to have brethren in the chair who were able to perform all the ceremonies required of them, finishing up their term of office by installing their successor. He was pleased to know the Royal Savoy Lodge had had such men at its head, and felt the brother placed in the chair that day would be no exception to the rule. The way in which he had invested his Officers showed he was capable of performing his duties. The Immediate Past Master gave the next toast. After the twelve months which had just passed he had no doubt the brethren had heard enough of his voice, but he had especial pleasure in addressing them on that occasion, it being his duty to propose the health of their Worshipful Master, Bro. J. C. Smith. The brethren were all aware of his abilities, of his knowledge of the ritual, and of his power of command; they could therefore form a fair opinion of what might be expected during his occupancy of the chair. He felt sure they all wished the Worshipful Master a good year of office, and trusted he might have health and strength for many years to come. The W.M. returned his very sincere thanks for the hearty reception the brethren had given the toast of his health, and assured them he had never known a prouder time in his life than then, when he presided for the first time as Master of his mother Lodge—the Royal Savoy. He was especially pleased in being the first initiate of the Lodge who had attained to the chair. Those who knew him, knew the interest he had taken in the Craft; he would carry out the duties of the office to the best of his ability. It would be his constant desire to emulate the example set by those who had preceded him; all of them would, he was sure, assist him to the best of their ability. He felt flattered that on his entry into the chair that evening he carried with him the good will and the good feeling of every brother who knew him, this was evidenced by the very large number of guests who were present to do him honour. In conclusion he assured those present that during his year of office he should strive to give them the best of entertainments, both in the Lodge, at the banquet table, and at the Lodge of Instruction. He next proposed the health of the Installing Master, and the other Past Masters of the Lodge. In speaking of the Immediate Past Master he felt it was a matter of great gratification to have to propose the health of so worthy a Mason as Bro. John Smith. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and had thrown untiring energy into his efforts on its behalf. The way in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office and retired from the chair was a subject for congratulation among the members, and all who had witnessed his working. Not only had he ably performed the ceremonies of the year, but had that night installed his successor in a most able manner. The W.M. regretted the absence of so many of the Past Masters, but felt that in the two then present—Bro. Smith and Bro. Stiles—they had really representative Past Masters of the Lodge, men of whom any body of Masons might justly be proud. Bro. Smith I.P.M. returned his thanks for the toast, and for the very great kindness which had been shown him during the past twelve months. He had endeavoured to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and was pleased to hear so satisfactory a report on his working as had been given that night. He highly valued the jewel the brethren had been pleased to present him—it would be zealously preserved during his life-time, and, he felt sure, handed down after his death to his children. Bro. Stiles followed. He was very pleased to see the Lodge in so flourishing a condition. Seven years ago they had started with eight founders, now they had between one hundred and twenty and one hundred and thirty members, and if among that number there were some who were rather noisy, it was because they felt the importance of the Lodge. It was a good old-fashioned fraternal Lodge, where brethren met each other as they met in the outer world. They were indeed a contented band of brothers, united for the purpose of adding to each other's enjoyment and relieving the wants of those in distress. The Lodge was noted for its joviality, in evidence of which he might refer to the two balls which had been held in connection with it, and at each of which close on three hundred brethren and ladies had been present. The Lodge was really a factor in Freemasonry, and as such he hoped it would long continue to prosper. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Visitors. This toast was sure of a hearty reception whenever proposed in a Masonic Lodge, but nowhere more hearty than at the Royal Savoy. Bro. Binckes replied. As a Visitor it might at first sight appear an onerous task, surrounded with tremendous responsibility, to undertake to reply on behalf of the numerous visitors then present, but really it appeared to him that the visitors had nothing to find fault with and nothing to complain of. They had been most heartily received and royally entertained. He felt such a meeting as the present one was nothing without some show of enthusiasm. He alway had been, and was, fond of enthusiasm on such occasions, and hoped the Royal Savoy Lodge would always possess it, for without it they could never continue the good work which had been carried on by its members during the seven years the Lodge had been in existence. The brethren of the Royal Savoy Lodge seemed to delight in inviting to their meetings as many guests as they could, and the visitors were always pleased to accept the invitation. He was pleased to see such hearty hospitality, for it invariably went hand in hand with another virtue—that of Mercy. He trusted that the year of office of the Worshipful Master might be one of success, and that the destinies of the Lodge might never be entrusted to one less capable of directing them than he. If such were the case Bro. Binckes felt there was a long career of success in store for the Lodge, and in conclusion felt that he and his brother visitors could not do better than endorse that sentiment with the time-honoured Masonic formula—So mote it be. Bros. Fidler, Christian, Gorringe, Garratt, Baker, and others also replied, after which the Worshipful Master proposed the Charities, which toast was acknowledged by Bro. John Mason. Bro. Stiles announced that the list of Bro. Willing, as a Steward at the next Festival on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, who will represent the Royal Savoy Lodge and the Metropolitan Chapter, already amounted to £93 7s 6d, there was, however, plenty of room for an extension of that total. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, and to this Bro. Scurrah responded. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He thanked the Worshipful Master for the appointment he had received that day, and assured them all he should do his best to assist in the work of the Lodge, during his term of office. The officers of the Lodge were next toasted. During the time the Master had been a member of the Lodge the question of the officers had been a strong point with him. Even when he was but a lay member he felt that the success of the Lodge mainly depended on the Officers, and with that view he had endeavoured to induce members of the Craft to visit Lodges of Instruction. His endeavours to acquire a knowledge of the ceremonies of Freemasonry had resulted in his attaining the summit of his ambition—the chair of his Lodge. He had always hoped that should such fortune attend him he might be surrounded with a zealous body of officers. He had such officers, and he felt sure they would do their best to support him. Referring to the appointment of Bro. Dickey to the post of Senior Warden, the Worshipful Master said that some years back Bro. Dickey had stood aside from the regular stream of promotion, and had undertaken the onerous duties of Secretary. He had discharged those duties for some time in most exemplary fashion, and by his kindness of manner had endeared himself to every member of the Royal Savoy Lodge. He had now attained his proper place in the Lodge—occupying the office of Senior Warden, and would, it was hoped, ultimately rise to the dignity of Master. Bros. Dickey and Jaques having suitably acknowledged the toast, Bro. Barling, the S.D., followed. During his term of office he should use his best endeavours to do his duty, and so act that, should he ever be chosen by the brethren to fill the office of Worshipful Master he might be as well prepared for it as the present ruler of their Lodge. Bro. Ross I.G. felt very proud of his position. It was one which many members of the Lodge would feel it an honour to occupy. He should strive his uttermost to give them satisfaction, and if he was behindhand at any time he hoped the brethren would excuse him, and at the same time help him out of his difficulties. Bro. Price felt that the Office to which he had been appointed was the first step towards the acquisition of greater honours, although the prospect of his rising to the position of Master was at present a very remote one. It would be his endeavour to fulfil the duties of his office as they should be carried out, and he hoped he should meet with success. Business engagements had prevented his regular attendance in the past, but he trusted that in future he should be able to be among the members of the Lodge at each of its meetings. The Tyler was then summoned, and he concluded the proceedings in the usual way. Several brethren contributed songs, &c., during the evening, thereby adding to the enjoyment of the meeting.

STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE sixteenth annual meeting of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association was held on the 21st inst., at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke, when Bro. Frank James (Walsall) P.D.P.G.M. presided, and there was a good attendance of brethren, representing most Lodges in the Province of Staffordshire. The fifteenth annual report was presented by Bro. T. Mount Humphries, which showed that the amount of subscriptions contributed to the Association by the various Lodges amounted to £779 17s 7d, and a sum of £753 18s had been sent direct to London from the Province of Staffordshire. The following brethren have given in their names as Stewards for the Festivals of 1886:—Bro. W. H. Bailey P.M. 624 for Benevolent Festival on the 24th February; Brothers W. Vernon P.M. 456, R. Tooth P.M. 637, and W. Randle W.M. 482 for the Girls' School Festival, 19th May; Bro. Percy Evershed P.M. 624 and F. J. Turley P.M. 1792 for the Boys' School Festival, in June. In moving the adoption of the report, the President said the report had been carefully considered that morning by the Committee, and was one which every one would consider was of a very high and congratulatory character, when they considered that the Association had only been in existence something like 16 years. When it first commenced the Association was started with a subscription of £5 5s only, but singular progress had been made, and they now had a subscription list of over £800 a-year which was collected for the purpose of carrying on the work of this Association. That could not be otherwise than satisfactory throughout. He did not mean to say that £5 5s was the only sum contributed by the brethren of Staffordshire, because individual subscriptions were given direct to the various Masonic Charitable Institutions, but the subscription of £5 5s was the beginning of an organisation which had worked so much good, and so effectively for the purpose of securing the interest of Staffordshire in connection with the Masonic Institutions. He had always held that loyalty to these institutions was a great point, and he would impress on all brethren of Staffordshire loyalty, because, as had been said in the report, year by year the difficulty of securing the election of any candidate became greater and greater. However, there was the fact that since the establishment of this institution the Province of Staffordshire had never put its hand to

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any good work for the purpose of getting elected a candidate whether to the Boys', Girls', or Benevolent Institution, without effecting its object. Having succeeded on all these occasions, they might take credit for those successes from the simple fact that the organisation, which was formed for the purpose, had accomplished its object. The President said perhaps the poorest Lodge in the province had from necessity to make the largest application for benefits, but he hoped that those Lodges receiving benefits would endeavour to do all they could, and use every effort they could, to recompense the Association, to show that they were actually grateful for the benefits conferred upon them. In connection with the subscriptions, whether considered as to the A or B fund, they were a matter for congratulation. He thought the brethren of the different Lodges would see that the longer the Association existed, the greater the necessity for their holding together, and uniting in loyal support to the institution of which they were members. He then most cordially moved the adoption of the report. Bro. J. F. Pepper seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried. Bro. Pepper then moved the re-election of Bro. Frank James as president for the ensuing year. He said Bro. James had shown a great interest in the work of the Association, and since his election to the office he had not missed a single meeting. Bro. A. G. Price seconded, and said that the Province of Staffordshire was deeply indebted to Bro. James for his great exertions in the work of the Association. The motion was carried unanimously. In acknowledging his re-election, Bro. James thanked the brethren heartily for the vote of confidence they had passed in him. While he cordially accepted the office for the present year he did desire distinctly to give them intimation that at the expiration of this year he should like to retire. Yes, he could assure them that he had so many engagements of a public and private character that he must ask them to seriously consider before that time next year, and endeavour to find some brother to occupy the position he now held. For a period of ten years, ever since the lamented death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, he had been president of the Association, and it was true that he had never been absent from one of the meetings, either general or committee, but it was absolutely impossible that he could continue to occupy the position of president of the Masonic Charitable Association of Staffordshire after this year. The brethren of the South, for a considerable period, had done honourable work, and no doubt honourable work would continue to be done by them, and he hoped some one from the North would undertake the duties he now cordially accepted. Bro. Bodenham, who was prevented from being present through illness, was re-elected a Vice-President of the Association, along with Bro. W. H. Bailey 624. Bro. Bayliss was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Humphries Secretary, and Bros. Humphries and Turner were appointed Managers of elections, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bayliss for his services in the past. Bros. Joyce and Woodhouse were re-elected Auditors. A discussion took place on a communication that had been received from Bros. Greatbach (Hanley), and Turner (Longton), with regard to the expenditure at the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Greatbach said he had carefully compared the cost of educating the boys at institutions similar to that of the Masonic Institution for Boys in London, and he was firmly convinced that the cost of maintenance at the latter institution was excessive. The cost for educating each boy was £45 11s. whereas at other institutions, such as the Commercial Travellers', the Yorkshire Society, the Licensed Victuallers' Society, and the Clerks' and Warehousemen's Society, all being institutions similar in character, and on all fours with the Masonic Institution for Boys, the cost was much less. He contended that the statistics which he now read proved that the cost per boy per annum ought not to exceed £35, and if the cost was reduced to that amount the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would provide for 13 where only 10 now receive the benefits of the Institution. The matter ought to be taken in hand, and something done to reform the expenditure of the institution. He concluded by moving, "That a presentment be made from the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire, that the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association is of opinion that the expenditure at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is excessive and injudiciously applied, and that it is desirable for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire to petition H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., as President of the Institution, to authorize the appointment of an independent Committee to investigate and report to the M.W.G.M. what alterations are necessary to render the said Institution more extensively useful." The President expressed his hearty sympathy with the remarks made by Bro. Greatbach. This was no new matter by any means. For years passed he, from his position, had been preaching the same doctrine, that they were not getting, as Masons, the larger amount of benefits for the enormous sums of money which they annually contributed to those Institutions. When they considered the contributions of brethren in support of the three institutions amounted to over £50,000 a year, there was very considerable room for doing an enormous amount of good, and the only question that had been present to his mind had been, did that £50,000 a year do that amount of good, and was that amount of discretion exercised over the funds which there ought to be? Over and over again he had brought forward to this Association comparative figures of the cost of education at different institutions, and there had always been this fact noticed that the Masonic Institutions had been largely and grossly in excess of any other similar charitable institutions. Bro. Turner (Longton) seconded the proposition of Bro. Greatbach, and corroborated the remarks of the latter, but after some discussion, on the suggestion of Bro. Bayliss, the proposition was withdrawn, and Bro. Baylis moved and Hamshaw seconded a resolution to the effect that a committee be nominated to consider the whole question, which was carried. The next annual meeting is to be held at Lichfield.

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Our Warrior Princes. The Four Edwards, and the War of the Roses. By Roscoe Mongan, B.A. London: Dean and Son, 160A Fleet-street, E.C.

Undecorated Heroes. By Philip H. Hemyng, late R.N. London: Dean and Son, 160A Fleet-street, E.C.

Of all the tempting dishes of interest and information that can be spread before the boys of Britain, those which savour of adventure and "accidents by flood and field," are ever the most acceptable, and this fact has evidently been recognised by the firm of publishers named, in their issue of the "Deeds of Daring Library." In the first named volume is given an historical record of many of the internecine battles that are emblazoned on the scroll of English annals, the main accidents of which are graphically described, and in a style of diction which the rising generation love, because they can easily comprehend it. The four Edwards include, of course, the conqueror of Wales and Scotland, the victor on the field of Cressy, the chivalrous "Black Prince," the hero of Poitiers; the valiant Edward IV., and the chequered fortunes of the Wars of the Roses. These are all presented in an attractive form, and will not only prove interesting and entertaining to boys, but will serve also as an extremely useful guide to the important study of English history. The work bristles with martial episodes which have left their mark upon the national escutcheon, and they are clothed with such facile skill that they cannot prove otherwise than attractive to the intelligent youthful readers to whom they are addressed. The little work is plentifully embellished with engravings and maps, the former including the famous collapse of Stirling Bridge, the murder of Rutland by Clifford, the sanguinary combat between French and English cavalry in the Somme; the charge of French cavalry, led by Marshals Andreghen and Clermont, and their overthrow by the English archers at Poitiers; the Black Prince's march through Roncesvalles; Stanley presenting to the Duke of Richmond the Crown of Richard III., which had been found in a bush in the battle-field of Bosworth; and many others. The work is dedicated to Lieut.-Col. F. M. Wardrop, of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, whose splendid reconnaissance with "The Daring Five" during the Soudan campaign will be remembered by the merest tyro in the modern history of English warfare. The second work under our consideration is of a more varied description, but is nevertheless brimful of exciting and interesting episode and adventure. The author gives as his *raison d'être* for the work that in the present day we have the Victoria Cross for naval and military heroes, the Albert medal for civilian heroes, and the Royal Humane Society's medal for those who exhibit their heroism in saving life from drowning; while every little engagement that in former days would scarcely have been noticed in the *Gazette* is now rewarded by a medal or a bar. But that magnificent bull-dog courage which is so typical of the true Briton, and which, when united with the necessary presence of mind, produces the hero *par excellence*, is often unnoticed and unrewarded, and of these the author has collected and put into handy form a series of instances of undaunted bravery and presence of mind, with the threefold object of amusing his elder readers, enduing them with a spirit of emulation, and rescuing the names of a few undecorated heroes from undeserved oblivion. There are capitally written stories of adventure on land and sea, and these are well illustrated by original engravings by H. Leask. Both these works are well got up and calculated to amuse, and instruct our youth, without any of the pernicious sentimentalism which unfortunately permeates so much of the literature for boys which emanates from the cheap press of the present day.

Another of those popular entertainments provided during the season for the pupils of our Boys' School, at Wood Green, will be given this (Saturday) evening, when the entertainers will be the Carolina Minstrels, who have distinguished themselves at our Institutions on many former occasions.

This week has again been an exceptionally busy one in Masonic circles. The consecration of the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2019; Lodge of Israel, 205, installation; the Lodge of Union, 414, installation; the Neptune Lodge, 22, installation; Polish National Lodge, 554; and several other meetings are deferred until our next issue.

DEATHS.

BURRELL.—On the 24th inst., Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex.

TELFER.—On Sunday, the 24th inst., at 24 Harley Road, St. John's Wood, Bro. James Somerville Telfer, United Strength Lodge, No. 228, aged 46 years.

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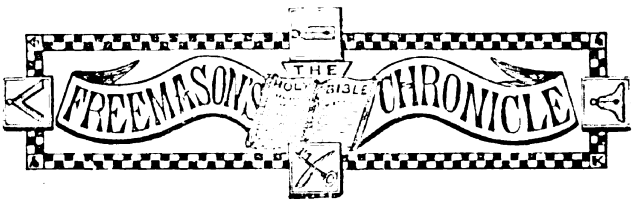

CONSECRATION OF THE DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

ONE of the most important events of the week in connection with Masonry in London, and indeed throughout the country, namely the consecration of a new Lodge, intended especially for the dramatic profession and those associated with it in the higher walks of literature, music, and art, was celebrated on Monday, when the Drury Lane Lodge was inaugurated under the most splendid auspices at Freemasons' Hall. It is well known in the Craft that this "new departure," which has excited so wide an interest in Masonic circles, was initiated by Bro. Augustus Harris, the popular and successful proprietor of Drury Lane Theatre; and, judging from the magnificent start made, the Lodge, which has been named after that historical and national theatre, bids fair to rise rapidly in the firmament of Masonic light. Its "local habitation" will be within the precincts of Drury Lane, where a special temple is to be fitted up in the most elaborate and luxurious style; and there can be little doubt that this section of the Masonic Craft will prove one of the most useful and influential in the whole of the Fraternity. The founders of the Lodge are Bro. Lord Londesborough P.G.S.W., who has been installed as its first Master, Bro. Augustus Harris as its Senior Warden, Bros. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor General, Junior Warden, H. Neville P.M., A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. of Malta Secretary, Bros. Charles Warner, Thomas Thorne, Henry Pettitt, and R. C. Woodville, Lieut.-Col. H. H. Kitchener, J. S. Fleming (Treas.), Sir Edward A. Inglefield, C.B., and J. H. Clynds. A brilliant and distinguished company of guests assembled at the Consecration ceremony, Grand Lodge and most of the Provinces being represented by prominent Officers; and the aspect of the hall, when filled by so large a gathering of Masons, was picturesque in the extreme. Amongst those present were: Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Gen. Laurie the G.M. of Nova Scotia, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Capt. N. Philips, Frank Richardson, Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, the Earl of Onslow, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Thomas Fenn, J. H. Matthews, J. C. Parkinson, Robert Grey, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Alderman Staples), Sheriff Clarke, Dr. W. H. Russell, Captain H. V. Pirie, T. H. Bolton, M.P., K. R. Murchison, Joseph Isaacs, A. Bloxam, Col. Honeywood, L. L. Wynne, W. A. Hart, Bradshaw Browne, Deputy George Sims, W. Sidney, Col. Robert Douglas, Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Gen. Sir Seymour Blane, Alderman Isaacs, Dr. Robson Roose, T. Burnside, C. F. Matier, A. O. Tagart, Dr. Ramsey, H. Hacker, P. Wallis, F. MacNeill, Marshall, Lionel Brough, Dr. Alfred Cooper, Trevor Powell, W. B. Williamson, P. Saillard, H. Wright, R. Berridge, J. S. Cumberland, J. L. Mather, J. R. Stacey, James Willing, Herbert Campbell, J. Sawyer, David James, Dr. Morell-Mackenzie, Sir F. Bolton, Consul-Gen. Waller, W. R. Kingston, H. C. Richards, H. Standing, G. Kenning, C. H. Driver, J. H. Carter, James Willing jun., Alfred Gibbons, J. Neal York, J. L.

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Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes as S.W., Robert Gray P.G.D. J.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. Director of Ceremonies, and J. H. Matthews P.G. Standard Bearer I.G. Apologies for non-attendance were read from his Grace the Duke of Abercorn G.M. designate of Ireland, Earl of Rosslyn P.G.M. of Scotland, Viscount Wolseley, Earl of Limerick, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Lord Robartes, Earl of Jersey, Marquis of Hertford, Sir Albert Woods, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and many others, most of their letters conveying hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the new Lodge. Having opened in the three degrees, the hymn, "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid," was sung, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Dr. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., who was ably assisted by Bros. J. Hodges, W. Sexton (altos), G. T. Lawler sen., T. Lawler jun., E. J. Bell (basses). After solemn rites, the brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the Director of Ceremonies read the petition and warrant; and after the brethren had signified their approval in Masonic form of the Officers named therein, an eloquent oration on the principles of the Institution was delivered by the Chaplain, the Rev. C. J. Martyn. He dwelt upon the cardinal principles upon which Freemasonry is founded, and hoped that prosperity might attend the new Lodge. Might Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, in conjunction with Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice ever actuate their minds and subdue their passions, and might these "three grand principles," and these "four cardinal virtues" ever be practised by them all, and be transmitted through their Lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," was then sung, and the invocation given; after which the Chaplain read 2 Chronicles xi. 1—6, which was followed by the hymn "Supreme Grand Master! God of Power!" Lodge board was then uncovered, and the consecrating Officer strewed corn, the emblem of plenty; poured wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; oil, the emblem of unity, and sprinkled salt. Having done this he dedicated the Lodge, the brethren joining in the anthem, "Glory be to God on high." The Chaplain took the censer three times round the Lodge (solemn music being performed during his progress), and halted in the East, when the anthem, "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works," having been chanted, the presiding Officer duly constituted the Lodge, and the final benediction was pronounced. Lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and Lord Londesborough was duly installed into the chair, the ceremony being performed in masterly style by Col. Shadwell Clerke. The newly-installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, appointed and invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. H. Neville to act as I.P.M., Augustus Harris S.W., Sir John Gorst J.W., A. M. Broadley Secretary, Sir Edmund A. Inglefield S.D., Henry Pettitt J.D., Charles Warner I.G., J. Fleming (Treasurer of Drury Lane Theatre) Treasurer, R. E. Goddard Tyler. Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke and the Officers who had assisted him in the Consecration ceremony were then unanimously elected hon members of the Lodge, for which the Grand Secretary briefly returned thanks. Bro. General Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia was also elected an hon member, and acknowledged the compliment paid him. The following brethren were proposed as joining members:—Bros. Lord Suffield P.G.W. Prov. G.M. Norfolk, Thomas Tew P.G.D. P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Sir John Monckton P.G.W. Past President Board of General Purposes, Joseph C. Parkinson P.G.D. of England P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex, Wilhelm Ganz P.G. Organist, Major A. G. Dickson, M.P., 1150, J. Tynte Agg-Gardner, M.P., 82, Colonel Hughes Hallett, M.P., 255, Dr. Morell-Mackenzie 28, Thomas Henry Bolton, M.P., 704, Charles Wyndham 36 (S.C.), Robson Roose, M.D., 63 840, Col. Robert Douglas 1615, A. Cooper, M.D., P.G. Steward 252 P.M. 1591, William Howard Russell, D.C.L., 319 Malta 1068 Cairo, Herbert Edward Story (Herbert Campbell) 657, C. J. Phipps, F.S.A. P.M. 41 P.G. Supt. of Works Somerset, Charles Dickens P.M. 960, Lord A. Paget 33, Charles Coote 1319, Captain H. V. Pirie, 5th Lancers, 1118, Lionel Brough 1319, James Fernandez 1319, Alfred Gibbons 96, Thomas Clarke, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, 1827, and Major Hyman Joseph, 3rd M.A.V. After the usual congratulations had been exchanged, the proceedings closed. The brethren assembled at a magnificent banquet, under the presidency of the W.M. Lord Londesborough, when the loyal toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General, proposed the health of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, who was called on to respond, said there was an old adage that "we should never halloo until we are out of the wood." Doubtless this originally applied to fox-hunting; he was in the position of a fox who had been obliged to break cover. He had not expected to be called upon to respond, he had forgotten for the moment that for thirty-one years he had been a Grand Officer. However, he had been rattled out of cover, and was sure he had the sympathy of all the Grand Officers, Past and Present. It was always a pleasure to aid and support a new Lodge, and such an addition as this to the roll of Lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England must be a satisfaction to them all. He and the Grand Officers wished the new Lodge every prosperity. Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, C.B. then proposed the Sister Grand Lodges, with reference to which toast he said, lately he had become acquainted with General Laurie, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia, upon whom he should call to respond. Brother General Laurie stood in the same position in Canada as the Prince of Wales did in this country with regard to Freemasonry. He was worthy of that high and honourable position. The duties of the Grand Lodge there were carried out with the utmost integrity, and in every relation in life General Laurie was deserving of that cordial reception which he (the speaker) was perfectly sure would be accorded to him that evening. After suitable response had been made, Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke proposed the health of the W.M., Lord Londesborough, in introducing which toast he said he was about to make an entirely novel remark. He was going to say he was about to propose "the toast of the evening." Had it been so, it had never been to him so gratifying as on the present occasion, when all the members of the Drury Lane Lodge welcomed as its first Master the noble brother who now occupied the chair. They were all aware, and he was sure they were all deeply grieved at the knowledge, that his lordship had recently been the victim of a sad accident. Such, however, had been his lordship's indomitable perseverance, fortitude and pluck that he had now nearly recovered from its effects, so that he was present amongst them as their Worshipful Master. Lord Londesborough had earned the gratitude of all good Masons. He had done long and useful service to the Craft. He had been a Mason over 30 years, and for upwards of a quarter of a century had occupied the distinguished position of Past Grand Senior Warden of England. During that time he had occupied the chairs of no less than three Lodges; moreover, he had taken a great personal interest in matters theatrical. Therefore it was only fit and proper that when this eminently successful Lodge was started the Founders should select so good and worthy a brother to preside over them. The brethren would join with him in welcoming Lord Londesborough that night in the chair, and in wishing him a speedy and happy recovery. Lord Londesborough W.M., in a brief response, thanked the brethren for the kind and flattering reception they had accorded him. He was deeply touched with their consideration, in that he knew they had foregone what was to the majority of those present a pleasure, viz., that of smoking, on account of his present affliction. He thanked the Grand Officers present and the brethren for starting this new Lodge so well; he thought the members of the Drury Lane Lodge would combine to carry it to a successful issue. It would be impossible they could have a Lodge to contain all the members of the dramatic profession, for that would require as large a hall as that which many of the brethren attended at the installation of the Prince of Wales. They must be satisfied to have a section of the dramatic profession within the Lodge, and of those who were attached to that profession in various ways. Of both these sections they had a good representative assemblage that evening, and he congratulated them upon the fact. Bro. Henry Neville, in proposing the health of the Consecrating Officer and his Assistants, felt sure he was expressing the sentiments of the brethren present when he said never had they been so impressed with the rendering of the consecration ceremony as they had been that day. He was very proud to have the pleasure of being one of the Founders of this Lodge. There were only two pleasures in a man's life, one of which was in looking back upon work well done, and in looking to the future. After he had passed the chair he looked back with the greatest pleasure in the world upon the kind and brotherly love he had received at the hands of all the brethren. The Drury Lane Lodge had no past history upon which they could look back, but they could anticipate for it a glorious future. They could look forward with faith, hope, and pride; faith in the admirable teaching of their Worshipful Master and his Wardens; hope, that they might all entertain the purest principles of Masonic feeling; and pride, that many good and honourable names would be inscribed upon the roll of the Lodge. Brother Colonel Shadwell Clerke thanked the proposer of the toast for the kindly terms in which it had been couched. Such a compliment from Bro. Neville was very gratifying indeed; he could assure the brethren he felt exceeding pleasure in being permitted to take part in the ceremony. He was always too glad to do whatever he possibly could to further the interests of the Order, and he tendered his hearty thanks to every brother who had assisted him that day. Especially he thanked the Rev. Bro. Martyn, their excellent Chaplain, Bro. Frank Richardson, who had so ably discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Mathews, who acted as Inner Guard. Being supported by an unusually able body of men, he thought that between them they had done the work fairly well; and this was a matter of satisfaction to him, because in the Drury Lane Lodge they had taken what might be called a new departure. It would number on its roll a grand assemblage of "all sorts and conditions of men," from north, south, east and west. He congratulated them upon the result of the evening, and as he had mentioned in the consecrating room, he predicted for the new Lodge a triumphant success. He hoped, however, that it would be careful, as all other Lodges should be, in not taking all into it who desired to join. He felt always bound to say a few words on this subject, for when a popular Lodge was started there were always a large number of candidates willing to rush in. They read in the papers of the advantage likely to accrue from connection with such a Lodge, and were most anxious to join it. But he warned this Lodge, as he had done others, to be careful—to "hasten slowly," for the more difficult it was to join a Lodge the better class of members there would be in the long run. He thanked them all exceedingly, particularly the Brother who proposed this toast, for the kindness with which they had received the mention of his name. Bro. A. M. Broadley, on rising to propose the Visitors, was received with every demonstration of welcome. He said, in endeavouring to emulate the excellent example which had been set to them by their Worshipful Master, he was afraid he should not be able to do justice to the extraordinary list which was recorded on the first Visitors' pages of the Drury Lane Lodge. Still to-night he thought some

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excuse might be made for him if he expressed that feeling which was experienced particularly by the members of the dramatic profession. They could easily appreciate the anxiety with which Bro. Augustus Harris felt on a "first night," and the trepidation of an actor who first spoke to them in a new capacity. During the past seven years it had been his frequent opportunity to tell them of some of his work in sunnier climes, but he now stood before them on the boards of the Drury Lane Lodge, to propose a toast to which he had often answered in days gone by; and he did so with some feelings of pride, for a more representative assembly of Visitors never graced the launching of a Masonic ship. They had the pleasure of numbering in their midst the Consul General of America (Bro. Waller), whilst General Lanrie was there to represent the Colonial Grand Lodges. Representatives were present from the Upper House of the British legislature; and their list contained the names of seven or eight members of Parliament. He ventured to say to those who had left for more tempestuous scenes that they would not there feel the placid unanimity which characterised the first meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge. It was a matter of congratulation that two of them at least had stuck to their guns, for he believed the Solicitor-General was still in his place amongst them, and that the honourable member for Dover preferred Masonry to the regions of controversial politics. There also remained amongst them the gallant Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, C.B., who was their Senior Warden, to represent the Navy; for the Army they had General Studholme Brownrigg and other gallant officers; for the medical profession Dr. A. Cooper and others. Amongst that able and valuable body of men the legal profession, were not only the Solicitor-General, but Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., besides representatives from every other possible sphere of tragedy and comedy, whose names were "household words" wherever the English language was spoken. He had only to mention the names of Lionel Brough, Augustus Harris, Henry Pettitt,—men known to every one in the room. Literature was represented by Dr. W. H. Russell and Joseph Parkinson; the corporate dignitaries of the City of London were represented by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. It was a great honour to have such celebrities to visit the Drury Lane Lodge, and there were other names which brought him back to sunnier climes, and to an atmosphere eminently preferable to that which they had, within the last few days, experienced on'side. There were brethren present who first saw Masonic light in Malta, which was the half-way house to the Mediterranean, amongst those was Dr. W. H. Russell, who was initiated there at the instance of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and who was made a Fellow Craft in the ancient City of Cairo. He only hoped that the eminent *littérateur* had returned to find the charms of the third degree under the auspices of the Drury Lane Lodge, a Lodge which could arrange such a meeting as this, to say nothing of the many brethren who came from nearly every county in England, representatives of the great Masonic Charities, and other spheres of life. They might say the greatest success had attended the first meeting. If they all desired to see the prosperity of the Lodge they could not do better than take heed to the advice which had been tendered to them by Col. Shadwell Clerke. In drinking to this toast they were drinking to the health of men who would ever be associated with the traditions of the Drury Lane Lodge, and he intended to couple with it three names, each of which had a certain significance; the first was Bro. Philbrick Grand Registrar of England, Consul General Waller, who represented America, and their veteran friend Dr. W. H. Russell. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., in the course of his observations, said that the founders of this Lodge had exercised the true Masonic axiom—hospitality. If he might speak on behalf of his brother Visitors he would say that this promised to be a strongly representative Lodge, supplying a want which had been long felt, and which would be a welcome addition to the Masonic Lodges already in existence; that it had a great career before it the results of this evening attested; he wished the newly-consecrated Lodge a long career of prosperity. Consul General Waller also responded in eloquent terms, and was followed by Dr. W. H. Russell, who hoped the young fledgling they had just seen hatched would shortly plume its wings and soar into the higher regions of Masonic life. Bro. Joseph Parkinson, in the absence of Bro. Edmund Yates, proposed Prosperity to the Drury Lane Lodge. He said in the speeches they had heard so eloquently delivered they had seen the ground entirely cut from under his feet, and he asked whether it would be possible for him to add anything to the encomiums that had been passed on the Drury Lane Lodge? They had been told of the high qualities of the Worshipful Master, to which he sincerely desired to add his humble testimony. He asked them now to drink to the successful future of the Drury Lane Lodge, on the ground of what in a great measure had brought them together that night, viz., a sympathy with an intellectual calling, and the great traditions which the name of Drury Lane inspired. He referred to the long line of brilliant dramatic successes that had hovered around the career of Bro. Augustus Harris. He looked forward in the hope that the prosperity which they anticipated for this Lodge would be equal to that which he had achieved at the Drury Lane Theatre. He trusted that the associations of a high lineage of dramatic genius, combined with Masonic experience, would grow into a harmonious whole. It had been brought before the dramatic profession that Shakespeare himself was a Freemason, and if so, where could his spirit look down more happily than upon the Drury Lane Lodge? He thanked Bro. Harris for the spirit in which he had brought forward this Lodge and assured him on behalf of the company that when in the fulness of time he filled the chair, they would all have the same pleasure of supporting him on his installation night. Brother Augustus Harris in reply observed that Brother Parkinson had told them that the ground had been slowly and deliberately cut from beneath him, and that there remained nothing more to be said. Still, he called upon him to say something more, which he thought was rather a paradox. Bro. Parkinson had told them a great deal about the morality of the Lodge; this he should have great pleasure in reporting to Mrs. Harris. But when he reached home and informed her of all their virtues he should endeavour to make her satisfied that they came here for the purpose of drinking to their wives' healths especially. With regard to this Lodge would they allow him to thank them, as Senior Warden, for the way in which they had assembled that evening, and for the kind way in which they had expressed their hearty good wishes for its prosperity. He went into the Drury Lane Theatre seven years ago, as young in theatrical matters as he was in Masonry, but he hoped to advance in Masonry in the same way that he had advanced in the theatrical profession. In conclusion he thanked them all for their presence that evening. The Worshipful Master then vacated the chair amidst the hearty congratulations of the brethren, leaving the presidency in the hands of Bro. H. Neville. Brother Lord Onslow then gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he said they had seen in the production of the Drury Lane Lodge traces of that lavish and magnificent entertainment which they were accustomed to look for at the Pantomimes at Drury Lane Theatre. Referring to the Baddeley Festival, celebrated there on Twelfth Night, he contrasted the difference in that Festival in the present day, under their generous Senior Warden, to those times when it was asked how far the bequest of £3 per annum would go in cakes and wine? Of their Junior Warden it might be said that he was not only eminently learned in the law, but he had also achieved a great Parliamentary reputation, and his name would go down to posterity as having, with three other gentlemen, formed a new and separate party in Parliament. Their Senior Deacon, Sir E. Inglefield, had been all over the world, and probably he had seen as much of the world as any person or thing, excepting that mysterious patrimony which he carried in his pocket, his father's watch. With respect to Bro. Pettitt there was no one in the ranks of Masonry who was better acquainted with Human Nature. As to their excellent Secretary, Bro. Broadley, his sympathies were wide and extended to every class and to every creed. He could not bear to see any one down-trodden, and would even rather take part with those who rebelled than those who would leave them in the lurch. With regard to Bro. Fleming it would be impossible to form a Lodge equal to this without him as Treasurer, and as much of Freemasonry consisted in eating and drinking, he knew no one more competent to speak on the subject of "Drink" than Bro. Warner. Bro. Sir J. Gorst, responding for the Officers, said they would do their best to deserve the kindly remarks that had been made respecting them; and next year, when they would probably see Bro. Augustus Harris installed into the chair, if it were possible to repeat any of the kind things that had been said that night, it would be most satisfactory. He hoped, so far as the Officers were concerned, they would work in the true spirit of Masonry, and that the interests of the Lodge would not suffer at their hands. Bro. Chas. Dickens briefly proposed the Masonic Charities, in doing which he said the great Institutions were the very life-blood of the Craft. Such a toast needed but few words from him to recommend it to the acceptance of any body of Masons. He wished to remind them, however, that Bro. Broadley was going up for the fifth time as a Steward for the Boys' School, and he hoped they would send him up this time with a list which should be a best on record. Another matter deserved notice, and it was that on Friday next, at Drury Lane Theatre, there would be such an assembly of the Boys and Girls of the Masonic Institutions as had never before been witnessed. By the kindness of their Senior Warden, Bro. Harris, room had been found for them on that afternoon in the theatre where for many weeks past room of any kind had been lacking, and he was told on excellent authority that the W.M. would not be unknown in connection with those cheering words to children, "buns and oranges." He concluded by observing that wherever charity was known, Masonry was one of its most earnest and substantial supporters. Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in the course of his response, did not hesitate to say he felt it a very great and proud privilege, in the presence of so many members and visitors of this Lodge, to respond on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. It was very gratifying that his name had been associated with this toast, and he would endeavour to follow the example of the speakers of the evening in being as brief as possible in the remarks which it would be his pleasure and duty to utter. There might be some difference of opinion as to how this toast should be treated on an occasion like the present, but after listening to the Chaplain during the consecration of the Lodge, there was no brother who would not support the Masonic Institutions. Allusion had been made to the fact that on Friday next upwards of 500 objects of their care would be entertained by a moving spirit of the Drury Lane Lodge, who would be assisted by his lordship, the W.M., and other members and enabled to enjoy that magnificent sight which had never been surpassed, if ever equalled, by any spectacular effort in the past. They had heard much of "the wonderful lamp," and let them hope there might be many sacred lights burning in the cause of Masonic Charity. When he told them that at the next Festival of the Boys' Institution one of those sacred lamps would be held by their esteemed Bro. Broadley, to whose merits such valuable and deserved testimony had been paid, he felt sure that lamp would not be held in vain, but that the brethren would fill it with oil that would make it burn with brilliancy such as should never fail. He asked the brethren to bear in mind that there was a vast amount of distress which could only look to its legitimate sources of relief; and he appealed to them, therefore, to afford all the support they could to the three Masonic Institutions, which were for the maintenance of the old and decayed brethren and their widows, and the maintenance and education of the young of both sexes. The proceedings, which had been of a highly interesting and enjoyable character throughout, were brought to a fitting close by the Tyler.

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CONSECRATION OF THE PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2114.

THE consecration of this Lodge, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the second week in the new year, created an unusual amount of interest in Masonic circles, and attracted a more influential assembly of the leaders than any which has been witnessed for a long time in this city. The novel feature of the Prudence is that it will be conducted on Temperance principles—that is to say, no intoxicating liquors will be allowed to be consumed at refreshment by members of the Lodge. A similar regulation is a conspicuous feature of the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1933, Manchester, consecrated by the distingnished General after whom it is named some two years ago, and the success which has attended its existence fully warrants the Liverpool brethren in following the example set them by Manchester Freemasons. The Wolseley Lodge now numbers about 100 members; and judging from the success which marked the inauguration of the Prudence, it is certain that its existence will be one of continued prosperity. Several enthusiastic Freemasons are closely identified with its inauguration and interests, and the first meeting was in every respect of a most hopeful and promising character. About 100 brethren were present to witness the impressive ceremony, amongst these being Bros. Lord Claud J Hamilton, M.P. Abercorn Lodge, 251, Ireland, W. Goodacre P.G. Sec. acting P.G.M., E. Pierpoint P.G.J.W., J. D. Murray P.G.D.C., R. Washington P.P.G.S.D., J. B. Mackenzie P.P.G.S.D., Harold Wyatt P.G. Asst. Secretary, W. C. Erwin P.P.G. Asst. Secretary, Rev. H. G. Vernon P.P.G.C., Rev. R. F. Leslie P.G.C., R. Foote P.G. Treas., J. H. Barrow P.G.S.D., J. Beesley P.G.S.D., George Brovdbridge P.P.G.D.C., R. Cain P.G. Steward, R. Williams P.G.S.B., John Cobham P.G.S.D., G. Morgan P.G.J.D., T. Whitehead P.G.S., John Duncan jun. P.P.G.D.C., J. T. Callow P.P.G.T., H. S. Lacy P.P.C.D.C., T. Salter P.P.G.S.D., Robert Martin P.P.G.T., John Whalley P.P.G.D.C., Maurice Hart P.P.G.D. of C., H. Williams P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Ripley P.P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Smythe P.M. 93 Belfast, S. Haynes P.M. 1547, R. White W.M. 241, J. Platt W.M. 1173, W. H. Hignett W.M. 1547, T. H. W. Walker W.M. 1678, H. Derbyshire P.M. 1993, D. Edwards P.M. 1993 (one of the Founders, and first Masters of the Wolseley Lodge, Manchester), R. G. Bradley W.M. 249, J. Hocken P.M. 675, John Brotherton I.P.M. 241, R. Harley P.M. 1475, R. R. Martin P.M. 1094. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Goodacre P.P.G.R. P.G. Secretary, acting as Consecrating Officer, supported by Bros. R. Pierpoint P.G.J.W. acting S.W., J. T. Callow P.P.G.T. acting J.W., J. H. Barrow P.G.S.D. acting P.G. Secretary, J. D. Murray P.G.D.C. acting D.C., and M. Hart P.P.G.D. of C. acting I.G. The acting Prov. G.M., Bro. Goodacre, on opening the Lodge, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, after which the P.G.C., Rev. R. Leslie, offered up prayer. The Founders of the Lodge were then ranged in order, as follows:—Bros. J. Duncan jun. P.P.G.D.C. 1547, Robert Foote *P.G.Tr.* 1505; H. J. Nicholls 2042, R. Ripley P.P.G.A.D.C. 1547, *Malcolm* Guthrie J.W. 1547, H. G. Isaacs 1547. The acting P.G. Secretary read the petition and warrant, and the brethren approved the same, after which an oration was delivered by the P.P.G.C., Bro. A. G. Vernon, as follows:—

Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren,—On the dedication of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 2114, I have been requested to address a few observations suitable to the interesting occasion. There is always, no doubt, a feeling of solemnity attached to the meetings of the brethren, even when the business that calls them together is of the most ordinary nature, for no degree exempts us from that serious obligation which is the glory of our Craft at all times, and under all circumstances, at the opening of a Lodge solemnly to invoke the presence and countenance of the Great Architect of the World. But to-day we are called together for a purpose so august and sacred that all levity and carelessness must be utterly impossible, while in pursuance of dedicating this Lodge to His service who, as the Great Master Builder, has originated the principles upon which our Masonic Order professes to be founded. And first, as to principles, which are the foundations of any Order, our principles are that our members should be mutually beneficial to each other, and instruments for the good of Society, which, in the scriptural phrase, is "to be of one mind, having compassion one for another, and to love as brethren." Wherever there is a brother like ourselves, the offspring of one common stock, partaker of the same nature and sharer of the same hope—so in numberless instances it has proved itself to be—it has gained for the wandering traveller kindness in an inhospitable and savage clime; it has quelled the violence of the pirate by sea; it has, in the various and distinct nations which diversify the map of the world, discovered everywhere an object for the display of that beneficence which each brother owes to his fellow. Looking back to the pages of ancient history, we trace, even in the records of the sacred volume, the origin of our Order. The pedigree of our Society is both ancient and honourable, for virtue is virtue, whether it be ancient or modern, whether it dazzle from the throne, or glimmer from the hut, and having stood the lapse of ages, and the storm of opposition, proves itself erected upon a good and sound foundation. The principles of our Masonic Order are derived from Him who is the Maker and Builder of the Temple of the World. The Great Master of all, in whose presence alone we seek to be approved, and to whom, as on all occasions, so now much more especially, we dedicate this Lodge. But presuming that with due investigation as to character and worth, the ranks of our Order be enlarged and strengthened, and with honourable fidelity our principles be preserved and practised, "that Masonry and Brotherly Love ought to go hand in hand." Let me entreat you then, brethren, diligently to search the Volume of the Sacred Law for the secrets of our Art; and while you seek to pry into the covenant, the signs and tokens which subsisted and were communicated between the Kings of Judah and of Tyre, O may the spirit of the widow's son be in you, filling you with a knowledge of the points on which they all turned, even wisdom to design, strength to execute, and the beauties of holiness to adorn. Remember that the same pages contain an inestimable pearl of great price, and that they only are wise and good who make that pearl their own. Gain this, and you thus lay hold on the right pillar, both of solid fame and spiritual wealth, whereby you shall be established; and then you may safely rest upon the left, a still higher column in our scientific line, for in that you will find strength. Whether the Lodge meets on the high mountains of worldly grandeur, and is beheld from afar; on the lowest vale of obscurity, and noticed but by few—whether you hew on the tops of Lebanon, or work in distinguished offices near the sanctum sanctorum, or, with the sons of Levi, serve at the Altar—be zealous in the discharge of all the duties demanded of you—nor faint, though it fall to your lot to labour in the plains of Jordan. May we be found workmen that need not be ashamed, and in reliance on the integrity of our Great Master Builder, and on the title we derive from Him, may we humbly but confidently hope that a blessing will descend from the Most High upon our labours, and our meetings, and that from associating together as brethren in unity here, may we meet again as brethren in bliss hereafter. So mote it be.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, acting Provincial Grand Master, then proceeded with the ceremony of Consecration, in a most masterly and impressive manner, to the admiration of every brother present—the elocution was indeed a masterpiece—in the usual form, with corn, oil, wine, and salt, the Provincial Grand Chaplain giving the appropriate passages from Holy Writ. At the conclusion, Bro. John Duncan jun. was presented to the Consecrating Officer for installation by Brothers Murray and Ripley, and worthily installed as the first Worshipful Master. The following Officers were afterwards invested:—Bros. R. Foote S.W., H. J. Nicholls J.W., Dr. F. J. Bailey Treasurer (by proxy), H. G. Isaac J.D.; W. H. Ball was elected Tyler. The following are the other Officers, who will be invested at the first regular meeting of the Lodge:—Bros. J. M. Smythe I.P.M., R. Ripley D.C., Simon Jude Secretary, George Williams S.D., J. G. Langley I.G., B. E. Bailey, J. P. Elson, and J. Bain Stewards. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and nearly forty joining members were nominated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Goodacre. The brethren afterwards dined together in the large banqueting room, where they were well cared for by Bro. Casey, the house steward. The music during the Consecration was by the late Bro. J. Skeaf P.P.G.O., the anthem being by Bro. J. P. Bryan P.P.G.O., and both these and the after dinner music were effectively given by Bros. J. Busfield, W. Lewis, W. H. Quayle, — Woosey, C. Burchall, J. Queen, J. Eddington, J. Quayle, H. J. Nicholls, J. G. Forsyth; Bro. J. P. Bryan P.P.G.O. officiated at the organ.

In Memoriam.

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SIR W. W. BURRELL, BART.

ONE of the most popular and respected Provincial Grand Masters of English Freemasonry has departed this life, in the person of Sir Walter William Burrell, Bart., Grand Master of Sussex. Sir Walter died on Sunday last, the 24th instant.

BRO. JAMES SOMERVILLE TELFER.

IT is with deep regret we have to record the decease of an esteemed member of our staff, Bro. James Somerville Telfer, who had been associated with us for the last fifteen months. In that brief period he had gained the goodwill and esteem of his confrères and the readers of this journal. Our deceased brother succumbed to consumption, on Sunday last, after a long and trying illness, and his remains will be interred in Kensal Green Cemetery this day (Saturday). Bro. Telfer had travelled considerably, and his experiences in Japan and elsewhere had secured for him a knowledge of the world which made him a very genial and pleasant companion. In his special province—that of dramatic critic—he had gained confidence by his impartial judgment upon the works brought under his notice, and the news of his decease will be received with regret by a wide circle of friends. On behalf of the staff of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE we tender his relations our deep sympathy in the loss they, in conjunction with ourselves, have sustained.

The V.W. Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, Past Grand Warden, has kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of consecration at the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Friday, 5th February, at six o'clock precisely. After the ceremony, a dinner will be provided at the Metropolitan Hotel, South Place, Finsbury Square, E.C. Tickets, 4s 6d each, may be obtained of Bro. W. M. Stiles, Sec., 28 Vernon Street, West Kensington, W.

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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 JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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)
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1708—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, [illegible]
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

MONDAY, 1st 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.
47—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.
1212—Euphrates, Water Rod Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.
1476—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1885—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1629—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1901—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1906—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

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
148—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, Smallev's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
479—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
623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1059—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061—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
1130—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. 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
1443—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
1794—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 384—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
45—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, 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.
111—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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
929—City of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
[illegible]—Salisbury, Salisbury Tavern, Penwith-road, Balston, at 8 (Instruction)
[illegible]—Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1011—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
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)
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, Tecoadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1919—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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
304—Cumbrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Barwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lindale, 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—Beadle, 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. 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 918—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
R.A. 1611—Phœnicia, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
133—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The House, Stockbridge 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poultry-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbarr, 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.
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
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
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.—Grand Masters, 33 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
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Mora, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
486—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle-on-Ty
517—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
529—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
571—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
591—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.
858—Franklin, Pemberkand Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Grillin 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
1208—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

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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)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
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
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 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, 4th FEBRUARY.

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.
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.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1279—Burnett 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.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1603—Sir Hugh Meddelton, 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)
1685—Teutonic, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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 Wentworth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30 (Instruction)
2129—United Northern Counties, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 785—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1341—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.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
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
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, 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
1473—Footle, 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
1585—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
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1929—Borrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 551—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, Stafford

FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
749—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
860—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)
1248—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbur, at 9. (In)
1345—Clinton, 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.
1812—E. Carnarvon, La Trobe 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, 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.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

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
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Bury [illegible]
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
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1066—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
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, 6th FEBRUARY.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—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)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Keystone, Crown and Anchor, 79 Dean Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

1454—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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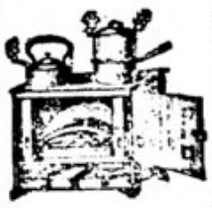

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FOR some time past our American contemporaries have devoted considerable attention to the subject of Public Installations, but so far as our memory serves us the question has not been noticed on this side of the Atlantic, nor should we have deemed it desirable to refer to it now had it not been stated, in the columns of some of the American papers, on the authority of a brother of some standing, that public installations are practised in England. We must admit we are but imperfectly acquainted with the mode of procedure at these public installations, and it may be that our remarks are based on an erroneous view of the case, but we will take the common sense rendering of the term, and assume that a public installation is the performance of the ceremony of installation in the presence of outsiders as well as of Masons—in the presence indeed of any one who chooses to attend, armed perhaps with a regular invitation. We should not have thought it necessary to inform English Masons that such a course is impossible in England, that it would be in direct violation of the laws of our Grand Lodge, or that the members of any Lodge allowing such a display would be severely penalised, but the statement to which we refer, made on the authority of "an English Mason," proves that there is an idea prevalent in the minds of some contrary to the generally accepted view.

Our American brethren have taunted English Masons with being fond of display, while we, on our side, have accused them of carrying on their Masonry—especially some of the higher degrees—almost entirely for the purpose of ostentation. In one of our earliest numbers we referred to this subject, and if our opinions are now slightly modified to what they were then, it is because our American brethren—or some of them—have taken steps to infuse a little practical Masonry into their Masonic actions. We will not quarrel with our cousins for saying that English brethren are the more addicted to public displays of Masonry, as we look upon the question as almost too absurd for argument. We will take any of the American Masonic publications, and compare their reports of Masonic displays with the law of England, which forbids any public assemblage of Freemasons, except perhaps the attendance of brethren at Church in some Provincial town, or the wearing of Masonic regalia at a brother's funeral, at the laying of a Foundation stone, or at a Masonic Festival. In all these cases no part of the Lodge work must be conducted outside the limits of a tyled Lodge, much less performed in public, and we must certainly express our surprise that any English Mason could have stated otherwise. We most flatly contradict his statement, and challenge him to produce evidence in support or confirmation of it.

We are at a loss to understand on what basis public installations could be tolerated, unless it be, as the *Keystone* puts it, as "Shows for vanity's sake," but there are few brethren in this country who would care to recommend it on such grounds, much less attempt to practise it, even if it were not specially prohibited by the Constitutions of the Order. What would become of our secrecy if one of the most important ceremonies of the year were performed in public? Would it be possible to prevent non Masons who attended such gatherings from learning many of the secrets of Freemasonry, or could we, in face of such innovation, keep those who desired it from forcing their way into meetings other than those of installation. We think not, but our American friends may reply we are wrong, and bring for their proof the action of their own brethren, many of whom believe in these public installations, and, as far as we know, practise them.

It may be that the "English Mason" who assures our contemporary that public installations are practised in this country simply refers to the semi-public—and we must impress on our readers that they are only semi-public—entertainments which follow our installations; but if he does he has a very clumsy method of expressing himself, as a consideration of the case will prove. If we are to continue the system of following our meetings by banquets, it will always be necessary to have a number of outsiders present in the same room as the members of the Lodge, during the actual serving of the repast, for it would hardly be possible—and certainly not politic—to compel every caterer to initiate the whole of his staff simply for the purpose of attending on brethren at Masonic dinners. But what do these non-Masons learn of Freemasonry during their short sojourn in our midst? They may perhaps discover that the Master, and the Senior and Junior Wardens are fixtures at various points of the compass, they may learn the title by which brethren address the Officers of the Lodge, and their fellow members, but any knowledge of actual use to them they will be unable to acquire during the progress of a Masonic banquet, and immediately the banquet is over the Tyler assumes command of the door, and rigorously excludes all but regularly initiated Masons. The Tyler is as cautious during the time the toasts are given to exclude outsiders as he is during the performance of work in the Lodge, and the brethren are as careful to keep themselves from prying eyes then as during any other part of their proceedings. The toasts are not infrequently followed by a song, and although uninitiated vocalists are sometimes engaged, the same care to abstain from Masonry in their presence is practised as at the banquet, and nothing that would warrant the appellation "public installation" transpires in their presence. Besides all this, we fail to associate the "Masonic toast" with actual Freemasonry, any more than we do the Masonic banquet. Both are associated with Masonic gatherings, but really form no part of ancient Freemasonry, the practice of the ceremonies of which is only permissible within the limits of a properly tyled Lodge. We shall be pleased to hear from our "English Mason, Bro. Geo. S. White," as to when and where an English installation was performed in public, but we doubt if he can enlighten us?

GRAVE ERROR.

MASONS who read the current Masonic news, and who care about and observe what is transpiring, must be aware that an agitation which was begun several years ago, having for its object a revolution of existing Masonic relations by the ultimate overthrow of all the so-called "higher degrees," has ever since been carefully nursed with cumulative force by talented Masons in the various Grand Jurisdictions of this country.

It was vastly accelerated, if not actually caused, by what is known as the Massachusetts departure, by which the Grand Lodge of that commonwealth, at her Quarterly

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Communication in June 1882, overstepped the boundary of her legitimate jurisdiction, and not only assumed to pass on, but to discriminate between, the Masonic titles of bodies, of none of whose rites a Grand Lodge of Symbolic Masonry can have any knowledge, and whose legislation in the premises has not been, and cannot be, enforced without danger of rebellion.

Having since attracted kindred spirits all along the line, like an avalanche gathering force as it progresses, this centripetal speciousness seems to have crystallized, in Illinois, into a well-defined double policy, viz., First to sap the foundations of the objective system of degrees by the subtle means of inoculated speech and literature, calculated to prejudice the minds of Master Masons, and secondly, to finally wipe out what is left, by Grand Lodge interdiction "through the Masons of her obedience."

If this has not become apparent to any of the Masons of Illinois, they have not been on the alert, and for such it is certainly high time to man the tower; for it is the duty of every one to participate in and take his full share of the responsibilities of the Craft. As nothing can be gained by concealment on the one hand, or ignorance on the other, let us have light.

To this end it will be profitable to examine pertinent contributions to the Masonic press, pro and con, past and present; and I would advise every one who has not already done so, to explore with care the last report of the committee on correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Having taken exceptions, on the same grounds, to the report of the same author as committee on correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, at its last convocation, I have been reminded that I misapprehended his position upon this question; that instead of being connected with this crusade, he, in common with other eminent brothers high in rank, both in this and other states, holds, "that the Grand Lodge should pass on the legitimacy of *Symbolic* Masonry only, and *leave all others degrees and orders alone.*" In short, to "let each Grand Body look strictly after its own business."

A careful examination of the report to the Grand Lodge will show that the eminent brother, contrary to the usual course and to precedent, surrendered important parts thereof to other learned and influential brethren to treat upon this question, one of whom was the able editor and publisher of this excellent journal, and two others of the most gifted Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, only one of whom, however, actually availed himself of the opportunity.

If it be discovered and pointed out that any but Bro. Brown of the *Voice of Masonry* took the ground above described and urged as that of the amiable brother of the committee and his ally, I will be only too glad to acknowledge my error, and humbly beg the brethren's pardon. I have found no peg uncovered whereon it was possible to hang ingenious sophism, first in proof of the assertion that nothing beyond the Lodge is entitled to the Masonic name, except in so far as their membership is composed exclusively of Masons; and second, in support of the theory of annihilation by edict, as indicated hereinbefore.

Somehow, I am unable to perceive, that the way to let these other Masonic Bodies alone, is to set their house on fire, and ask them to co-operate in putting it out, by feeding the flames with oil.

I am very willing to acknowledge, also that my powers of discernment are not very acute, because I have been utterly unsuccessful in finding a solution of the reasons for all this "fuss and feathers," and for these alliances of the powerful and influential intellects, and for all this inoculated literature sent out broadcast among the Lodges on the principle that that is the *modus operandi* of passing on the legitimacy of Symbolic Masonry only, and of letting *all other degrees and orders alone.*

It may be, however, that my obtuse mind is incompetent to grasp the right construction of some of the passages involved, like the following: "It will be asked if a Grand Lodge has not supervision over *all* the Masonry within its borders? It certainly *has:* it *can*, and *should*, as we think, prohibit the employment of its rituals by an association of men, notwithstanding such association embraces Masons exclusively. It can interdict the Chapter Council, Commandery, or bodies of the Scottish Rite, from assuming any function of the Lodge, either directly or indirectly. We hope the reader will keep the foregoing in mind, for the day, if it comes, when the Lodge will demand its own. * * * The practice of employing the esoteric rituals, signs, grips, words and symbols of the Lodge is indefensible usurpation and groundwork of error and contention. * * * The Grand Lodge has been too long remiss in duty, in not interdicting those of their obediences from practising its rituals in other associations of Masons. * * * When, therefore, something claiming to be Masonry crops out in bodies which the Grand Lodge has not created, it is certain that either such bodies are teaching as Masonry something that is not Masonry, or that it is time for Masons who desire to be loyal to those solemnly assumed engagements from which no Mason, or association of Masons, can absolve them, to ask themselves whether as members of such bodies they are making an unwarrantable use of the name, symbols, esoteric rituals, or modes of recognition of the Craft. Upon an affirmative answer to this question rests the right and duty, and in the fact that their membership is composed of the Masons of its obedience, *lies the power* of the Grand Lodge to deal with the problem of pseudo Masonry."

I do sincerely hope others will see what I fail to comprehend, that the foregoing is evidence of a peaceable desire to let such Masonic bodies alone, and that the Grand Lodge is to confine itself to Symbolic Masonry only. Some of these utterances seem to be puerile, and others as containing specious sophistry, but through them all peeps the germ of a mischievous error, to which I will recur hereafter. Speaking for the Chapter here, as one of the bodies in question, it would seem from these quotations, as if it all at once was unduly encroaching upon the rights and prerogatives of the Lodge, or was making other use of things appertaining to Symbolic Masonry, upon which it is founded, and of which the main part of its degrees is an integral part, the evidence for which can be furnished in a tyled Lodge or Chapter, than has been permitted for a century and a half without any complaint whatever.

The author of the last quotation will be recognized by its ear-marks as the same distinguished and able, but shifting brother who seems to command an infinite resource of "tests," between which he is hovering, like the Irishman's flea, as occasion demands. His first, it will be remembered, was "The Ancient Charges of a Freemason, as the inexorable and unchangeable organic standard, by which all that is claimed as Freemasonry must stand or fall," but when he was challenged to point out therein the definition of our present triplex system of degrees of the Lodge, which he could not do, he abandoned it without formal declaration, however, so as to still leave it available for repetition, on the principle presumably, that an "oft-told tale" must be true, and constructed "three essentials," which he abandoned in turn, and in like manner as his "organic" flatulency, when the main one of the three was exposed as a mutilation of the first great landmark of our Institution, entitled "God and Religion," which is not only indivisible, but the printed part used must be construed by the primary and greatest of all.

If not puerile, how inconsistent is the statement that the Grand Lodge can "interdict the Chapter, Council, &c., from assuming any functions of the Lodge, either directly or indirectly." While it is true, and while that undoubted power and prerogative of the Grand Lodge has ever been not only acknowledged but vigorously supported by the class of Masons referred to, it is superfluous to throw the gauntlet until they or any of them undertake to do so, or until there is some reasonable probability that they will so interfere. The functions of a Lodge are, to make its own by-laws, consistent with the general laws of Masonry, and to see them duly executed; to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, in a regular and constitutional manner, with business incidental thereto, and to the general management of a subordinate. Which of these functions has the Chapter assumed? Or, which is it likely to assume?

Turning to the report in question, and to the review of Massachusetts, we find lengthy quotations, on the Royal Arch degree, from Bro. Mackey, to be in answer to the following question by the author of the review, "Now what are the facts relating to the origin of the degree in question, and its subsequent relation to the Fraternity?" But most of them, as well as other statements, have been pronounced erroneous by celebrated historians of our time, among whom is the distinguished and well known Bro.

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William J. Hughan, of Torquay, England, whose thorough exploration among the resources of the past has recently resulted in a most valuable book, entitled "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry;" which the reviewing brother well knew, for he says: "We are aware of the fact that distinguished authors reject the theories of Brother Mackey, but when it can be made plain that the 'word' was lost, and subsequently found in an organization that did not exist in 1717, and in a degree fabricated after the establishment of the first Grand Lodge, then we will review the conclusions of the author quoted."

According to the external evidence, solely relied on by this distinguished brother and his compeers, and by which he arrives at the above conclusion, the Master Mason's Degree, as we now have it, was also fabricated since 1717 and after the establishment of what they call the "first" Grand Lodge; but aside from that fact the pertinent question arises, Why was the mass of Mackey's statements referred to printed *as facts*, in the face not only of Bro. Hughan's history, but of averments of other equally reliable and distinguished historians of the Craft? The only answer apparent to any unprejudiced mind is the same that will occur to any one at all conversant with the esoteric symbolism of the Masonic system, after perusing his comment on the following: "This degree (Royal Arch) is indescribably more august, and sublime and important than all which precede it, and is the summit and perfection of Ancient Masonry. It impresses on our minds a belief of the being and existence of a supreme Deity without the beginning of days or end of years, and reminds us of the reverence due His holy name. It also brings to mind many essentials of the Craft, which were for the space of four hundred and seventy years buried in darkness, and without a knowledge of which the Mason's character cannot be complete. * * * This section furnishes us with many interesting particulars relative to the state of the Fraternity during and since the reign of King Solomon."

"This, brethren, is the class of food with which the masses of the Fraternity have been served from time out of mind, and it is not, therefore, surprising that Masons not particularly instructed in foundation stones, should accept as orthodox, whimsical assertions, so boldly set forth, because of the absence of a bold, truthful popular literature, so necessary to dispel impositions upon credulity."

The only answer, I say, to this and the preceding paragraph must be: Because it was intended that the inoculation therein, thus insidiously administered, should be all the more affective. If there is any other reply, it must be additional and to the effect that somebody, who should know better, betrays a most deplorable oblivion of the art and science of Masonry; which at the same time, however, affords a most rational solution to the animus of the crusade, both by him and his associates, who all seem to suffer more or less from the same malady.

In this connection it would be interesting to hear the learned brother explain the meaning of his education in "foundation stones." Those that I have been instructed in are the fundamental and primary truths, supporting all correct systems, and my correct system of Geometry, in which Masonry was founded, includes the holy Royal Arch, of which Bro. Hughan testifies in concluding his aforementioned history, thusly: "In conclusion, we cannot do better than quote the words of Dr. Hopkins in his well known 'Lectures on Freemasonry,' respecting the Royal Arch: 'I would urge every one (having made himself acquainted with our ordinary Craft ceremonies, and having undergone the necessary probation) to proceed to that sublime and exalted degree, by which alone his cravings for Masonic lore can be satisfied, his doubts explained, and the completeness of the system be fully developed.'"

And Past Grand Master H. P. H. Bromwell, one of the most amiable and modest of men, but of prodigious ability, who has made Masonry the study of a lifetime, and who (I say it with due reflection and conscious of what it means) knows more about it than any man now living, said in a recent letter to the writer: "You know the explorations I have been engaged in during the last twenty-eight years concerning the geometry of the Lodge and its work, and particularly to discover and verify the most ancient G.·. O.·. W.·., and on that subject I feel sure I can give some facts, but the means of their full explanation and verification can only be used in a proper place. The Royal Arch Degree, if its tradition be true, is a degree worthy of all care and praise, and if the same be only a fabrication, for the purpose of forming the Masonic matter into an interesting and impressive degree, it is still invested with secrets of the greatest matter known to the Craft; but it holds it in a broken vessel, nevertheless in a condition to be repaired; and whether repaired or not, still indispensable for the verification of the true ancient word. There are several degrees claiming the ancient word, but they contain nothing of the sort. Those that fabricated them did not even know what is meant by the G.·. O.·. W.·. They supposed it to be a word in *some language*, and that it might be *any* particular word having a certain prescribed meaning; not knowing that there can be but *one* such word, and that it must be omnific as to all human language, as the triangle is omnific as to all geometry. That word was once in the Royal *Arch* (Royal *Ark*) degree, but so mispronounced that it was no longer the same. The heling (haling) words are still there, but that is not the only place; both the G.·. O.·. W.·. and its heling words are in the body of the Lodge by t. t. t., and there is not a Master Mason who has not pronounced them or heard them as often as he has been present at the conferring of that wonderful degree, unless he was deaf or inattentive.

"It has been always understood that the Royal Arch degree was anciently conferred, not by the Past Masters, but by the Master Masons in possession of it, under the warrant of the Master of a Lodge, and only on Master Masons of long standing and high character. If this be true, as it seems to be, it is a most significant fact, in proof of the truth of one part of the legend, as well as of that of the Master Mason."

Of the Mark Master Bro. Bromwell discourses thus: "It has so much the simplicity and ring of the Ancient Craft, and deals in such Masonic matters that many skilful Masters believe it to be the ancient closing ceremony of the Fellow Craft Lodge. Although this cannot be verified, I think it highly probable. It is a beautiful degree."

Lest any one should be misled into the belief that the distinguished Past Grand Master is a "high degree champion," let them be undeceived by the following quotation from another letter recently received; but it is but just to say that the position therein defined, which is also mine, is not new. He has expressed the same opinion many times before, and for many years past, viz., In the matter of so-called 'higher degrees' I have long noticed the increasing evils which are being wrought among the Craft, the prevailing habits and usages in regard to them. In the first place there are no higher degrees. The three degrees of the Lodge are all. If any alleged degree has any Masonic value, it is because it has preserved some matter of Masonic Craft, which, by the carelessness and ignorance of Lodges, has been suffered to go to loss. Outside of this they are only beautiful or sublime ceremonies, which draw their symbols and teachings from the great storehouse of the Lodge, but which is also the case with most of the swarm of degrees of all modern orders, like Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and of this and that. More than three thousand degrees, listed as Masonic, have been invented and worked in Europe and in this country during the last century and a half, all professing to have some wonderful Masonic secrets to impart. Wherever they have flourished most, Ancient Craft Masonry has gone into demoralisation. In most of Europe the Lodges of Masonry are mixed up with every sort of Rites, and are really in no sense what ancient Masonic Lodges were. Grand Master Robbins did a grand good thing when he refused to recognise one of those pseudo Grand Bodies, which called itself the 'Grand Orient of Spain,' and which is a new offspring from the spawn of continental innovations. Now, here is the mischief of the whole set, as things are managed; all the so-called higher degrees are believed by the outside world, and by all ignorant Masons, to be actually *higher*, and much more, they all have stupendous titles and flourish of feathers and finery, and make as much noise as if they were chief in Masonry; consequently the Lodges are besieged with petitions for initiation by everybody who wants to get where he can appear on the outside of a horse, bedizened with shoulder-straps, plumes and swords, &c.; and half of the work of the Lodge now is, to confer Masonic degrees on chaps who merely use the Lodge as a necessary entrance way to the 'higher' degrees. They rush through in six months,

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ignorant of everything of Masonry, and so remain; like the fly on the coach wheel, they think the whole concern is made to carry them They actually think they have a *right* to appear in a Masonic procession without invitation, and all such stuff. The consequence is, the Lodges get more demoralised from year to year, more ignorant and indifferent. I do not know where it is all to end. Such an excrescence on the body of Masonry must affect it as in all other cases, by actually obliterating the entire science and art of the Craft—*more than half of which has been lost within the last fifty* years."

What is the remedy? Not in the course of our leaders, who being "blind are leading the blind" in an attempt to tear down the genuine and the false alike, and who, if possible, after successfully levelling everything down to the end of the Master's degree, to be logical, must keep on weeding out that which has been perverted and corrupted, until there will not be enough left to weep over. Not in the revolutionary tendency to unduly centralise tyrannical power in the Grand Lodge, to the detriment of the Lodges and of the individual freedom and rights of the Mason, which cannot be invaded with impunity. This might be done in Russia, but cannot be done in this free country. The Mason is "free" because truth and light make him "free," and he who allows himself to be enslaved or restricted in his personal freedom is unworthy of the other, and rightfully suffers the consequences. But the proposed Grand Lodge interdiction implies the exercise of such a central despotic power, which would be, as was the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, an unwarranted invasion of individual rights, because the power, being inherent in the individual only, could not be delegated by the Lodges of which it is composed, and which it represents collectively, hence is incompetent.

A Grand Lodge is sovereign as to others in its territorial jurisdiction, and not over the individual consciences and personal rights of the members of the Craft, who are under certain obligations, for the violation of which alone they are responsible, but which do not bind them to conform to and abide by laws and edicts, void, if issued through incompetent authority.

Representing the moral universe, where reigns silence and pence, it cannot make war upon the atoms in its composition. It represents the whole body of the Craft as one man, the Grand Master being the head and the Grand Wardens the arms; hence, though it has disciplinary power over itself—that is, to subdue the passions—it cannot restrict the natural motion of the members and limbs of the body without destroying the harmony of the work.

Its powers are constitutional after all, and it must be governed in the exercise of its functions by constitutional Masonic law. Herein lies the solution of the "germ" of the mischievous error" in the utterances quoted from the Grand Lodge report, and the "specious sophism" therein lies in the hint to strike down the bodies assailed, by *subtle* and *insidious* means, which course is altogether beneath the lofty dignity of a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and contrary to all principles of amity and justice.

If any of them are invading in any way the lawful prerogatives or the lawful jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge she has the undoubted power to declare them clandestine, and her members must and will cheerfully obey; but it must be remembered, in all cases, that prudence, as one of the four cardinal virtues, stands before that of justice.

The true remedy is education; study of the science, art and object of Masonry by the leaders in this crusade; by the Masters and Wardens and by the Craft. Any one, even superficially conversant with the outlines of the geometry of the Lodge, must coincide with and feel the justice of Bro. Bromwell's lamentation about the loss, perversions and corruptions. Only when a better knowledge shall have been attained, so that we may be the better able to discern the genuine from that which is spurious or false, will it be time to talk of striking down the "pseudo Masonry," in Chapters and other bodies. Education and diffusion of intelligence among the Craft, high and low, rich and poor, are absolutely necessary to restoration of the purity of Ancient Craft Masonry, and are at the same time the antidote to the noxious craze of "high degreeism."—*Voice of Masonry.*

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of this old Lodge, one of the most prosperous amongst the "so-called Jewish Lodges" in London, was held on Tuesday, 26th ult., at Cannon-street Hotel, when a large gathering of the members and visitors assembled, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. E. H. Norden. When it is considered that the members of the Israel Lodge have not only for many years consistently supported the various Masonic Charities, but have also built up a Benevolent Fund of their own, now happily amounting to over £1,000, some idea may be formed of the stamina and vitality of a body of Masons, who have the true principles of the Brotherhood at heart. And thus the whole of the proceedings on Tuesday were characterised by an amount of satisfaction and unanimity such as is not frequently witnessed. Bro. Norden was supported by Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg P.M. 1502 S.W. and W.M. elect, with a full complement of the Officers and members, the company numbering about 150 in all. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Edgar Bowyer P.G.Std.B., H. Garrod G.P., James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, E. R. Adams P.P.G.C. Lincolnshire, S. Jacobs P.P.G.D. Herts, Geo. Kenning P.P.G.J.D Middlesex, J. Chapman P.M. 194, C. Norrington P.M. 619, S. Bons W.M. 185, J. W. Dewsnap W.M. 188, N. J. Valentine W.M. 1017, H. W. Casperd W.M. 1668, W. Mundy 1839, G. A. Potter W.M. 1964, W. Tear 1765, H. Friedlander 446, Belsham 733 Melbourne, J. Hart 193, A. Myers 1552, Collard 95, Larner W.M. 858, Bockenham 1962, D. M. Davis W.M. elect 1017, T. Fraine 1438, H. Gabriel 1445, S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, H. Massey P.M. 619, J. Myers 188, Rev. S. J. Roco Ch. 188, H. Van Starhen 188, J. Moore 548, Allen P.M. 733, G. Moss 1017, Leon Herts, La Bien Aime Amsterdam, D. J. Collins 193, and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of a subsequent Lodge of Emergency, having been read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund was submitted, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £986 18s 8d. One joining member was admitted, and five candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Bro. Henochsberg was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. by his predecessor in office, Bro. E. H. Norden, whose working was in every respect most admirably carried out. The newly-installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. E. H. Norden I.P.M., Solomon Jacobs S.W., R. J. Paton J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, Rev. M. Haines Chap., J. B. Da Mesquita S.D., W. Hunter J.D., Joseph Da Silva P.M. D.C., M. Bromet Asst. D.C., T. Hart I.G., S. Schmere and J. Litchfield Stewards, Rawles Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the Immediate Past Master Bro. Norden, on the reverse side of which was the inscription:—

Presented to Bro. E. H. Norden P.M.
By the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205,
In recognition of his valuable services as Worshipful Master,
For the year ending 26th January 1886.

In addition to this, and to still farther mark the esteem in which Bro. Norden was held, and his popularity in the Lodge, a Past Master's collar and jewel were also presented to him by his Officers, with their heartiest good wishes. On the jewel was inscribed:—

Presented to W. Bro. E. H. Norden P.M.
By the Officers of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205,
As a mark of esteem, on his vacating the chair,
26th January 1886.

The gifts were suitably acknowledged by the recipient, and after the transaction of some routine business the brethren sat down to an admirably-served banquet, prepared under the direction of Bro. M. Silver, whose attendance is always looked for at our Jewish Lodges. At dessert the usual loyal toasts were honoured, but before entering on the business of the evening the Worshipful Master expressed regret that Mr. Frederick Paton, who had engaged to undertake the direction of the musical arrangements of the evening, had the day before unfortunately broken a bloodvessel, and was unable to attend. But they had one or two volunteers, who had arranged with their worthy J.W. to sing during the evening, and he hoped, under the circumstances, the company would extend to their friends their kind indulgence. The toast of the Queen and the Craft and of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was enthusiastically received; and in giving the Grand Officers the Worshipful Master briefly observed that they were the right men in the right place. They were honoured by the presence of four of them to-night, and he associated with the toast the name of Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. and J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson said with regard to the Lords Carnarvon and Lathom he need scarcely say a single word. The Grand Officers deserved all honour, both as men and as Masons He regarded it as a great privilege to be called upon to return thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Lewis Thomas also responded, and in the course of his remarks observed that he could not say this was the first time he had been present at the meetings of the good old Lodge of Israel. For many years he had been the guest of their excellent Secretary, Bro. Hogard, and each time he came to this Lodge he felt a greater endearment towards the brethren and their proceedings. Only last night he was present at the consecration of a new Lodge, which ceremony was carried out with great splendour—the Drury Lane Lodge. The Immediate Past Master then rose; from the first time since leaving the chair he took the gavel in his hand, and they would all know it was for the purpose of proposing the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. They all knew the working of Bro. Henochsberg, and it would be superfluous on his part to dilate upon his many

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admirable qualities. He had performed the duties of Mastership in another Lodge, and had brought to London such a reputation that it would be useless for him (the speaker) to say anything further. The Worshipful Master met with a cordial reception in rising to thank them for the hearty reception they had given to the toast, so eloquently given by their Immediate Past Master; he did so most sincerely. He deeply appreciated the enthusiastic manner with which the mention of his name had been received by the brethren. he should endeavour, to the best of his ability, to carry out the duties of the office to their satisfaction, and if he did so, he was sure it would be to his own gratification. He had now a very important toast to propose, though in the Lodge of Israel it required very few words to evoke the enthusiasm which the brethren would give to it. He asked them to join with him in drinking to the health of their Visitors. Bro. Bowyer thanked the Worshipful Master very heartily for the kind manner in which he had coupled his name with the toast, and the company for the heartiness with which they had received it. He could assure them he had been so often amongst them during the last eight or ten years that he scarcely regarded himself as a Visitor. He thanked them for the bountiful hospitality they had placed before their guests. Bro. Boas, as one of the rulers of a sister Lodge, said it was a great honour to be called upon to respond to this toast. This was one of his first visits to the Lodge of Israel, and he had been delighted with what he had seen, and should endeavour to come amongst them as often as possible. Bro. Dawsnap could add but little to what had been said by previous speakers. It had given him the greatest possible pleasure to see the working in the Lodge, and also to partake of the hospitality that had followed. Bros. Chapman, Adams, and Valentine also replied to the toast, as also did Bros. Casperd, W.M. of the Samson Lodge, and Isaac Davis, in response to calls from the brethren. The W.M. then rose and said, if there was one toast more important than another it was that of the Immediate Past Master. No doubt they had heard with a great amount of pleasure the beautiful manner in which Bro. Norden had rendered the installation ceremony that evening; during his Masonic career he had never seen it more admirably carried out. The Immediate Past Master acknowledged the kind support he had received from the brethren of the Lodge, without which he should not have been able to go on with his work in a manner satisfactory to the Lodge and gratifying to himself. It was to them he owed any credit he might have gained for good working. He expressed his unabated interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and said he should endeavour to do in the future as he had in the past. The W.M., in proposing the Masonic Charities, said he was sorry that Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had been obliged to leave, as he was in hopes that they would have had from him a speech on the advantages of the Masonic Institutions. He should ask Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M. to respond. Bro. Cohen said a rather difficult task devolved upon him, and he regretted that many of the brethren had left, inasmuch as he had a great desire to realise the "ambition" which had been alluded to by their W.M. Under no circumstances did they accept donations for their Benevolent Fund from Visitors, because it was the pride of the members of the Lodge of Israel that this Fund should be devoted to themselves only, so that they could not, and would not, accept any subscriptions from brethren who did not belong to the Lodge. But he appealed to those who did belong to it, and especially the younger members, to give that assistance to the Fund to which the W.M. had so fittingly alluded. Year by year they had increased this Fund, until now they had very nearly reached the proverbial four figures. He depended upon the brethren that night to make up the £13 or £14 still required to that end. It had been said of the wise King Solomon that he taught,—"Cast your bread upon the waters, and it shall be seen after many days," and nothing gave zest to his (the speaker's) appeal so much as to know that they were doing good to those who should come after them. He did not ask them even for the price of the banquet they had enjoyed that night, but he asked all, and especially those who had not been prompted to give to this Fund at all, to assist him on this occasion. Then he should be able to leave that hall with the buoyancy and *bon hommie* that had been depicted by the W.M. Let them hope this fund would never be required by any of those present, but what a satisfaction it would be to them and to the world at large who were Masons to know that to those who needed they could give without stint and without diffidence. The appeal was then sent round, and later in the evening Bro. Hogard (Secretary) announced that the magic figures they had had before them for so many years had at last been reached. They had that night received one of the largest sums ever collected on an installation night, namely, a total of £15 17s, which exceeded by about £3 the figures aimed at by the President of the Fund. The W.M., in proposing the next toast, said the Past Masters of the Lodge of Israel had made such a name for themselves that the toast needed no words from him to ensure for it an enthusiastic reception. That night they had a glorious array of Past Masters, but this was not in consequence of the installation meeting, for at all the gatherings of the Lodge the Past Masters met in goodly numbers. He had never yet, in his Masonic experience, seen the principles of brotherly love more fully extended in his own case, though he came as a comparative stranger amongst them. He was taken by the hand, and assisted in every possible way, and he could not forget the kindness they had shown him. He coupled with the toast the names of P.M.'s Letour and S. Harris, who suitably responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, whose ability and efficiency had been well tried and proved. Bro. A. M. Cohen responded as Treasurer, and hoped the Lodge would continue to be as prosperous as it was at the present time, and had been for some time past, though he recollected the time, many years ago, when it was not so. The W.M. had alluded to the fact of his having been connected with the Lodge over forty years; during the whole of that period he had never been absent more than half a dozen times. In his younger days he came from all parts of the country to attend his Lodge, and although he could not expect the G.A.O.T.U. to spare him much longer, at his advanced age, yet he hoped as long as he continued their Treasurer he should not only receive, but deserve, the encomiums that had been showered upon him. Bro. Hogard having thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, said during the time he had been a member of this Lodge he had endeavoured to fulfil the various duties that had devolved upon him to the best of his ability. They were probably aware that the duties of the Secretary did not begin or end with entering the portals of the Lodge. There were many things which occurred when they were not meeting, and it had been his pleasure, as well as his duty, to attend to every detail connected with the Lodge. He was proud to see the high position which the Lodge had now attained, and with a list of five candidates for initiation at the next meeting he felt assured that the Lodge would go on and prosper, at all events under the presidency of their present Worshipful Master. The Lodge had not only a large Benevolent Fund of its own, but it year by year supported the great Masonic Charities, of which they were all so proud. It had been said that times were bad, but with one exception last year realised the largest subscription ever given to the Masonic Charities, which, including the amount given by the Board of Benevolence, reached the enormous total of over £54,000. The brethren were certainly numerous, but for any body of men to have done such work in one single year spoke volumes for the way in which the brethren supported the various Charities connected with the Order. He was sure that the Masonic virtue inculcated in their hearts at their initiation, namely, Charity, received at the hands of Masons generally a large and significant support. He reminded the brethren that he was a Steward for the Boys' School at the next Festival, and hoped at their next meeting to say something on that subject. But at this late hour he would merely content himself by again reiterating his sincere and hearty thanks for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for the confidence the W.M. had reposed in him by again appointing him as Secretary of the good old Lodge of Israel. The officers of the Lodge having severally responded to the compliment paid them, the proceedings were closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening a choice selection of music was given by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Alice Bocquet, and Mr. Joseph Hay, Bro. Warren Tear presiding ably at the pianoforte.

HOPE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 214.

ON Thursday, the 28th January, the annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, when there was a full attendance of members and a number of visitors. The principal business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Quennell S.W., and this ceremony was ably performed jointly by the outgoing W.M., Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry, and Bro. George Cooper P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G. Supt. of Works. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Frank London S.W., F. B. Page J.W., Rev. W. J. Skilton P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, George Cooper P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Treas., A. Wright P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary, H. G. Hobson S.D., J. C. Goode J.D, W. W. Brown P.M. P.P.G.O. D.C. and Organist, H. W. Ellis I.G., Mallet Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Imbert-Terry for his great services to the Lodge during his year of office, the W.M. rose and remarked that he should commence the duties of the chair with a very pleasing one, viz., to present to Bro. Imbert-Terry a small token of the esteem and respect in which he was held by them all. It was but a small token as regards its intrinsic value, but when he said it was the first time within the memory of the oldest member that a P.M.'s jewel had been given to the retiring W.M. he thought it would bear a special value in the eyes of their I.P.M. The members of the Lodge need not be reminded of the eminent services Brother Imbert-Terry had rendered to the Hope and Unity Lodge. Whether as regarded the excellency of his working, his personal courtesy, or his princely hospitality, he had laid such a claim upon their regard as would not soon be effaced from their memories. He trusted that Bro. Imbert-Terry would live many years to wear the jewel he now placed upon his breast, and that the Lodge would long have the benefit of his presence and assistance. Bro. Imbert-Terry said this presentation had taken him quite by surprise. He had taken a great interest in the Hope and Unity Lodge, and the only reward he had looked forward to had been to merit their esteem and regard. His year of office had been to him a most happy one, and he thanked them one and all for the way they had supported him, and for the great kindness and courtesy he had received from them all, without a single exception. He should prize greatly the handsome jewel they had just given him; and he trusted he should still be able to do something for the benefit of Lodge No. 214. The brethren afterwards dined together, a sumptuous banquet being well served by Mrs. Mason, the hostess. Among the brethren present at the meeting, besides those already mentioned, were:—Bros. Matier, T. J. Ralling P.M. P.G. Sec., Rev. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C., Cobb P.M. 51 P.P.G.S. of W., Lewin W.M. 1543 P.M. 276 P.P.G.S. of W., Grimes W.M. 51, Suthery P.M. 276 P.G.D, Colonel Newton (Essex Rifles), Rev. Stewart, Meggy 276, Eve, Rev. Quennell, &c.; and the following members of 214:—Bros. Joseph Earle P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. C. Earle P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Tebbut P.M, Colonel Burgess P.M., A. W. Wallis P.M., Morice, Morant, Hobson, H. Wallis, Hendrie, &c.

STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

THE installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Brother James Glanville. He was supported by Bros. J. T. Wright S.W., T. R. Hinks J.W., T.

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Hinks P.M. Treasurer, J. Nixon P.M. Secretary, W. Gorrie S.D., W. Eckersall J.D., H. Lynn I.G., F. C. Woolmer D.C.; Past Masters J. Addington, H. Marfleet, W. J. Cattermole, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. J. Voisey P.M. 1963, H. Vickery P.M. 1475, J. J. Brinton I.P.M. 1329, J. D. Rose P.M. 73, R. J. Nishart W.M. 1789, P. A. Nairne P.M. 176, W. H. Glyn Smith 1691, C. James 1963, J. Banker 1158, J. Tasker 73, J. R. Bunch 172, J. Humphrey 55, R. W. Robinson 879, C. A. White 1777, J. Justice 79, W. Leonard 1777, T. Lane 186, and F. J. Loughlin 1365. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. T. Wright was presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was afterwards duly carried out by Bro. Marfleet. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. J. Glanville I.P.M., T. R. Hinks S.W., W. Gorrie J.W., T. Hinks Treasurer, J. Nixon Secretary, W. Eckersall S.D., H. Lynn J.D. The ancient charges were delivered in admirable manner by the Installing Master. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Alfred C. Brown, who had been proposed by Bro. Gorrie S.D., and seconded by the then W.M., Bro. Glanville; and the voting being unanimously in favour, he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privilegef of the Order. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Glanville on his retirement from the chair, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Lodge during his term of office. At the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of a récherché banquet, provided in Bro. Clemow's usual excellent style, when the loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., congratulated the brethren upon having the right man in the right place. He had watched Bro. Wright through the various offices he had filled, and could only say he had devoted his best attention to the duties attaching to each. He had done his best for the interests of the Lodge in the past, and having regard to that fact they might look forward to his doing so in the future. He wished his successor every happiness and prosperity during his year of office, and hoped his installation into the chair might be the commencement of a new and successful era in the history of the Stability Lodge. In conclusion he expressed his conviction that all the brethren would unite in the endeavour amply to sustain the prestige of the Lodge, and to verify its title for stability and usefulness. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, took this opportunity of thanking the brethren for having conferred upon him the honour of electing him to the chair of the Stability Lodge. It would be his constant endeavour to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a manner as should conduce to its continued prosperity, and he trusted that at the end of his year of office he might have given them satisfaction. He then proposed the health of the Initiate, and in doing so said it was not often in the Stability Lodge the newly-installed Master had the opportunity of admitting an initiate, and he regarded it as a privilege for which he was indebted to Bro. Glanville. He could only remind his brother initiate that if he remained true to the principles he had espoused that night he would have no reason to regret having united himself with the ancient and honourable institution of Freemasonry. Bro. A. C. Brown, after the E.A.'s song had been sung, returned thanks for having been admitted into the Lodge. He had been told that Masons were a goodly company, but his informant had only told him half. The impressive ceremony he had witnessed would ever be uppermost in his memory, and he should strive earnestly to carry out the promises he had made, and to benefit by the sublime principles of which he had seen the initiatory stages that evening. In proposing the Visitors, the Worshipful Master said one of the leading principles of Freemasonry was hospitality, and they prided themselves upon that virtue. He was very pleased to see so many visitors present on this occasion, and he assured them of a most hearty and cordial welcome. He especially thanked Bros. Rose and Voisey for having assisted him in preparing for the work of the chair. Bro. Brinton, whose name was associated with the toast, thanked the Worshipful Master most heartily for the cordial terms in which he had welcomed the Visitors, and said Bro. Wright was on the high road to progression in the science of Masonry. He hoped and anticipated that the Worshipful Master would have a year of uninterrupted prosperity, and that he would be supported by an able body of Officers. It was incumbent upon every Officer to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the duties, and if they worked well together they might look confidently forward to the recompense of reward. Bros. Voisey and Nairn also responded to the toast. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Installing Officer, and said he was deeply indebted to Br. Marfleet for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day. He hoped he might be spared for many years to discharge his duties as efficiently as he had then done. Bro. Marfleet having acknowledged the toast, in a few happily-chosen sentences, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, in doing which he paid a high tribute to the zeal and assiduity displayed during the year by Bro. Granville, whose excellent example he should endeavour to emulate. It had been a great pleasure to present to their Immediate Past Master a jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, and he was only echoing the sentiments of every brother present when he wished that Bro. Glanville might live for many years to wear it, in remembrance of his very successful and happy year in connection with the Stability Lodge. The Immediate Past Master returned thanks, and expressed his unabated interest in the welfare of the Lodge. He thanked the brethren for their recognition of the small services he had been able to render, and promised that in the future he should do, as he had done in the past, all he could to promote its prosperity. The W.M. afterwards proposed the health of the Past Masters, and of the Treasurer and Secretary, paying well-deserved compliments to each as to the manner in which the affairs of the Lodge were administered, and the e toasts having been duly responded to, the list was fittingly concluded by the Tyler. The enjoyment of the evening was materially enhanced by singing and recitations, amongst those who specially contributed to the programme being Bros. Voisey, Leonard, and White.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE annual Festival was held on Tuesday, 19th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when there was a numerous gathering. Bros. M. J. Withers Prov. G.J.D. W.M. presided, supported by his Officers. There were also present—P.M.'s S. Wheeler, C. Stephens, C. Oades, R. Bradley Prov. Grand Secretary, C. Smith, F. J. Ferguson, J. Egginton, J. Weightman, &c. Visitors—Bros. G. W. Webb W.M. 2043, Captain W. Golding P.M. 1899, R. C. Prickett W.M. 1101, H. Arrowsmith W.M. 1566, R. C. Hurley P.M. 1101, E. Margrett P.M. 1101, F. Marsh W.M. 1895, E. J. Blackwell P.M. 1101, R. Griggs W.M. elect 228, J. Greenaway Secretary 1101, W. J. Martin 414, H. Creed J.W. 1101, Charles Slaughter I.G. 1101, F. Brown 1101, C. F. Simmons 694, Walter Blackwell 1101, A. T. Morling 948, Rev. J. D. Dunlop 561, J. W. Noble 1643, Rev. G. K. Faulkner 592, J. Deverill jun. 1894, W. A. Simmons 1895. The ordinary business having been gone through, a Board of Installed Masters was opened with full ceremonial, P.M's Charles Stephens and R. C. Mount occupying the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs. The retiring W.M., Bro. Withers, installed as his successor the J.W., Bro. Blackwell, who had been unanimously elected at the previous Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. M. J. Withers I.P.M., D. H. Witherington S.W., J. W. Martin J.W., Rev. Canon N. T. Garry Chaplain, R. C. Mount P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, C. G. Hawkes S.D., W. Sherwood J.D., J. H. Walters I.G., J. T. Dodd D.C., J. C. B. Tirbutt, C. T. Rayner and J. R. Hayward Stewards, R. Dowsett P.M. 1101 Almoner, W. Hemmings Tyler. The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren. Bro. Withers expressed his hearty thanks for the honour conferred. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414,
Presented to Bro. M. J. WITHERS, P.M. Prov. J.G.D.,
As a token of esteem. January 1886.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to banquet, at the Great Western Hotel. The usual prefatory toasts having been received with full honours, the health of the newly-installed Master was proposed by the I.P.M., and was cordially received and appropriately acknowledged. The other toasts included the I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Lodge of Union, proposed by the W.M.; the Masonic Charities, by Bro. Stephens; the Visitors, by Bro. Smith; the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Greyfriars and Kendrick Lodges, by Bro. Mount; the Initiates, by Bro. Oades; the Wardens, Secretary, and other Officers, by the W.M. The musical part of the programme was carried out by Bros. Blackwell, Knill, Millar, Bonny, Galt, and Martin, under the direction of Bro. Hayward P.G.O. The portrait of the late Bro. W. W. Moxhay P.M. Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, who had for many years acted as Installing Master to the Lodge of Union 414, and the Greyfriars Lodge 1101, was placed on the wall of the reception room, and was generally considered to be an excellent likeness.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on 14th ultimo, Bro. J. O. Bieling in the chair, supported by Bros. Bryant S.W., Tongue J.W., Gordon S.D., Apsey J.D., Turner I.G., Runtz D.C., P.M.'s Jackson, Jagielski, Ebner, Paas, Lancaster Secretary and Nowakowski Treasurer. The business of the evening commenced by the ballot, for Mr. Henry Birkbeck. This proving to be unanimously in his favour, he was duly initiated. Bro. Wm. Taylor was then passed, both ceremonies being worked in perfect manner. The report of the Committee on the portrait of the late Bro. Lord Dudley Stuart P.G.W. P.M. was read, and it was resolved that it should be cleaned and restored before the next meeting. Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren retired to the banquet room. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Corri Jackson proposed the health of the W.M., calling attention to the able manner in which the ceremonies had been worked by him. This was responded to by the W.M., who concluded his remarks by calling attention to the toast of the initiate, saying that the name of Birkbeck had always been held in the highest honour by the Polish National Lodge, as the name of one of its founders; they were glad to receive amongst them one of his relations. The initiate thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to endeavour to make himself efficient. The Visitors were honoured, and the brethren separated at an early hour. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. Walter Snodin W.M. 157, W. Saegert P.M. 548, Alford P.M. 228, E. W. Allen P.M. 173, J. Tatlock W.M. 142, F. H. Atkins P.M. 890.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Brother J. Lambert Payne, the retiring Worshipful Master, Bros. Arthur Ferrar S.W. and W.M. elect, Rudolf Polak J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., A. B. Odey J.D., W. Beasley I.G., J. H. Rich D.C., W. Wright and W. Simpson Stewards, E. Frisby Organist, Marsh Tyler; Past Masters Smyth, Brasted, Lorkin, Dignam. The Visitors included Bros. Raikes P.P.G.C. Dorset, Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex, White Pentucket, Lower Massachusetts, U.S.A., Darnell 1769, Grace 73, Sutton 73, Wilson 1155, Clark 1897, Woodman 1950, McLarin 1805, Larter

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1602, Hoit 856, Cottebrune P.G P., Finnister 901, Gooding 1329, Isaacs 1624, Gaya 395, Pascoe 27, Storr 765, Forge 1693, Britton 860, Lea 1897, Smither 193, Warton 1986, Daniels 300, Denose 1853, Rose 1607, Burrage 1115, Enright, Gascoyne 395, and others. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, and after the ordinary routine business had been transacted, the report of the Audit Committee—which showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial position—was received and adopted. Brother Arthur Ferrar was then presented for the benefit of installation, and a board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted the installation ceremony was ably carried out by Brother Payne, whose working was much admired. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly installed Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary honours, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follow :—Bros. Payne I.P.M., Polak S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., Brand P.M. Treasurer, Lee P.M. Sec., Olley S.D., Beasley J.D., Rich I.G., Wright D.C., Frisby Organist, Simpson and Robinson Stewards, Marsh Tyler. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Henry J. Allardyce, who had been nominated by Bro. Frisby and seconded by Brother Rich. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Allardyce was initiated by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony in perfect manner. At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Brother Clemow, in a style which well sustained the character of this old and popular City hotel. After the loyal toasts, the Immediate Past Master rose. He had the honour and privilege of proposing the next toast; he was sure the brethren would all join with him in drinking the health of their newly-installed Worshipful Master. He was very pleased indeed to see Brother Arthur Ferrar in that honourable position. They had worked shoulder to shoulder together for many years, and Brother Ferrar was eminently deserving the honour the brethren had conferred upon him. They had seen the creditable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening; and no doubt at their next meetings he would work the other two degrees in equally satisfactory manner. The toast having been received with enthusiasm, the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren sincerely for the high compliment they had paid him. He could only assure them that if they gave him the opportunity of working he would strive to the utmost of his ability to give them satisfaction. Brother Oakley having recited the humourous composition, "Mrs. Caudle on Freemasonry," the Worshipful Master proposed the Initiate, in doing which he said it had afforded him much pleasure to have initiated Brother Allardyce into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. He hoped the time would come when Brother Allardyce would occupy the position which he now filled, and that he would prove a credit to the Craft and to this Lodge in particular. Brother Allardyce thanked them for the kind reception they had given to the toast, but he reminded them of the old adage, "Take the will for the deed." After the kindness with which he had been admitted into this honourable Institution, he was perfectly at a loss to express the intensity of *his feelings*. He trusted that he might realise the hope expressed by *the Worshipful* Master. For the Visitors Brother White was first called upon to respond; in doing so he said he felt peculiar pleasure that the United States of America had been mentioned in connection with the toast. He was sure they would not deem it egotistical of him when he said he was proud to answer for that toast, for assuredly no mother was prouder of her son or daughter than England was proud of his country. He further wished to thank them for the extreme hospitality they had tendered to a representative of the United States. Brother Raikes, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which its representatives had been received that evening. He assured them that he had never seen the work of the day surpassed in any of the thirteen Lodges in the Province of Dorset which he had the pleasure of visiting occasionally. He sincerely hoped that the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. might rest upon all their undertakings. He thanked them also on behalf of the Faith and Unanimity Lodge, No. 417, which was his mother Lodge; and in speaking of that Lodge he was reminded of a certain young lady to whom five gentlemen made a proposal of marriage. In her perplexity and dilemma, she went to the captain of the ship on which she was a passanger, and asked his advice. The captain replied that if she came on deck next morning, and jumped overboard he would challenge the suitors to save her, and the one who did so should be accepted. It was a beautiful morning, with the sun shining brightly, as she stood with the five suitors around, and as she jumped overboard four of them sprang after her, and brought her safely back to the ship. Then she was equally puzzled, and said to the captain, "What am I to do? they are all so wet." "Take the dry one," said the captain, meaning himself, and he certainly had the pleasantest position of the whole five. He thought he could not do better than follow the captain's example in responding to this toast, and let the other Visitors speak for themselves. Bro. Woodman W.M. 1950, said having been initiated in this Lodge it gave him very great pleasure to see Bro. Ferrar occupying the chair; it proved that study and assiduity had brought their own reward. He hoped Bro. Ferrar's year would be crowned with every possible success. Bros. Forge, Hoit, McLaren, Darnell, and Walters also responded. Each speaking in complimentary terms of the excellent working they had witnessed in the Lodge-room, and of the abundant hospitality that had been extended to the visitors. The W.M. in proposing the Past Masters, said he was pleased to see seven or eight of them present that evening, though he regretted that Bro. Chapman was still very ill. He spoke of the valuable counsel and assistance given by the Past Masters to the W.M., and said a very pleasant duty now devolved upon him in connection with the toast. That was to present Bro. Payne, their I.P.M., with a splendid jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the Lodge as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. The jewel was a very handsome one, having on the bar the name of the Lodge, with the Coat of Arms of Prince Arthur, and on the reverse side was the inciption, "Presented by the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, to Bro. John Lambert Payne P.M., in recognition of his valuable services as Worshipful Master. 28th January, 1886." Bro. Payne, in responding, said he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and this mark of their favour showed that his efforts had been appreciated. Bros. Smyth and Brasted also suitably returned thanks. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, paying each a high compliment. Bro. Brand thanked the brethren for the confidence they reposed in him as their Treasurer. He was gratified at the excellent balance sheet which he had been able to present to them. He had proposed that a certain portion of the benevolent fund in the hands of the Treasurer should be invested, and this proposal had been accepted in good spirit by the Audit board. Bro. Lee, as Secretary, said he would not enlarge upon the financial aspect of the Lodge, beyond this—that, although the money was to be placed in the bank in the names of the W.M. for the time being, with the Treasurer and Secretary, at the same time it was to be understood that it would not be withdrawn except by resolution of the Lodge. They would quite agree with him, as father of the Lodge, that he was justified in congratulating himself upon its continued prosperity. The W.M. then proposed the Officers, who responded, and the Tyler brought to a close a very enjoyable and happy evening.

MASONIC BALL AT FOLKESTONE.

DURING the past year Masonry in Folkestone has made rapid strides, and one of the greatest (in a public manner) was the idea of a Masonic ball on a scale never before attempted in Folkestone. After much anticipation, great worry, and deep anxiety on the part of the Stewards and Committee, the ball, which took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., must certainly have given satisfaction to those gentlemen, as it did to all who had the pleasure of being present. The gentlemen who devoted their time to the carrying out of the preliminary arrangements as the Committee were Bros. S. Joseph W.M., G. L. Hart I.P.M., H. Stock P.M., F. Klatt P.M. P.Z., W. L. Earnshaw P.M., J. Sherwood P.M., William Francis P.M., A. H. Holbein P.M., J. Kennett P.M. P.Z., W. Cessford H., E Hire J., A. Petts S.W., A. J. Crane J.W., G. Spurgen, Jas. Hart, J. Sherwood jun., F. Hall, J. Aldridge, and H. Waite, and they certainly did all in their power to enhance the pleasure of the evening. But the success was more immediately due to Bros. J. Kennett, Secretary, J. Hart and J. Sherwood jun. The hall was held at the Pavilion Hotel, and the room used for dancing was the splendid saloon of the Hotel, whilst the appartments on either side were utilised as refreshment and lounge rooms. The ball room was very prettily decorated, by Mr. E. Harris, with Masonic banners and emblems and national flags, whilst the dance band of Mr. J. R. C. Roberts, conducted by Bro. H. S. Roberts Organist, was necessarily the principal feature in the evening's enjoyment. The floral decorations were effectively carried out by Mr. J Amos. Bros. Spurgen and Waite, who catered for the guests, could not have done so in a better manner, and their arrangements for the comfort of those present were most considerate. It would be superfluous to congratulate the gentlemen who acted as Ball Stewards, Bros. J. Hart J.W., H. Waite J.D., J. Sherwood jun. and Saunders. Dancing was carried on with great zest until nearly five o'clock a.m., when the guests dispersed. The following is a list of those present :—Bros. S. Joseph W.M. 558 and Mrs. Joseph, Mr. W. S. Joseph, Bro. A. Petts S.W. 558, Bro. Jas. Kennett P.M 558 and Mrs. Kennett, Bro. F. Klatt P.M. 558, Bro. Jas. Hart 558 and Mrs. Hart, Bro. G. L. Hart P.M. 558, Bro. W. Kennett J.W. 1436, Mrs. W. Kennett, Bro. G. Peden 125 and Mrs. Peden, Bro. Ed. Hire P.M. 125, Bro. R. Goulden, Miss Goulden, Mr. and Mrs. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. T. Edwards, Bro. T. H. English 558 and Mrs. T. H. English, Mrs. J. English and Miss English, Bro. Elliott P.M. 125 and Mrs Elliott, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Salter, Bro. G. Spurgen 558 and Mrs. Spurgen, Bro. H. White 558 Mrs. H. Waite and Miss Forder, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pope, Bro. Shaw W.M. 125 and Mrs. Shaw Mr. and Mrs. G. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Medhurst, Mr. Pepper, Miss Heywood, Mr. G. Hills, Miss D. Hills, Miss Major, Miss Jenner, Miss Foster, Mr. Joseph Foster, Miss Saunders, Miss Pope, Miss Woolman, Miss Farley, Bro. Frederick Francis 558, Miss Court, Bro. W. Griffin 558, Miss Marks, Bro. Cole 558, Miss Gorham, Bro J. N. Rogers 558, Miss Rogers, Bro. J. Eldridge 558, Miss Gosling, Mrs. Hatherall, Mr. Urben, Miss Paine, Bro. G. F. Taylor 558, Bro. W. Saunders 558, Bro. C. Saunders 558, Mr. and Misses Smith (2), Mr. G. Sprignett, Mr. S. S. May, Bro. J. Sherwood jun. 558, Bro. Cameron 125, Mr. C. Bee, Bro. H. Clements 558, Bro. A. J. Crane J.W. 558, Bro. W. Worsell 558 and Mrs. Worsell, Miss Dormer, Bro. W. Cessford P.M. 199 and Miss Cessford, Miss Grant, the Misses Simpson (3), Bro. W. Mitchell, Bro. R. Philpott P.M. 107 and Mrs. Philpott, Mr. G. Smith, Miss Smith, Bro. H. Mercer 125.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Comps. Rev. C. J. Martyn as Z, Col. Addison Potter as H., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as J, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., and a numerous assembly of Companions. The minutes having been confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was adopted, after which the revised Royal Arch Regulations were settled, and Grand Chapter was closed.

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COSMOPOLITAN LODGE, No. 428, S.C.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on 17th December, when the Officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, as follows:—Bros. T. S. Southey W.M., C. J. Holland I.P.M., T. Pemberton D.M., J. Bannerman S.M., E. D. Meldrum S.W., L. F. Gowing J.W., A. Olsen Treasurer, W. Youngson Secretary, J. Gould S.D., A. Laidrich J.D., J. W. Mielenhausen I.G., J. Kinghorn D.C., F. A. A. Kofod and H. Freudenthal Stewards, C. Merritt Tyler. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Thorne P.D.G.M. Northern China, E.C., with whom were the following Officers of the District Grand Lodge:—Bros. T. W. Kingsmill, L. Moore, E. P. Lalcaca, O. Middleton, H. Evans, R. D. Starkey, A. M. A. Evans, A. Johnsford, J. Morris, G. B. Fentum and J. M. Cory, Rev. F. R. Smith, G. M. Hart, R. W. Astill and J. S. Ezekiel. There were also present Bros. C. H. Dallas District Grand Master of Japan, J. G. Thirkell, C. M. Donaldson, W. Birt, G. L. Skinner, H. M. Perkins, and a large number of members of the Lodge and Visitors. In all over sixty brethren were present. At the completion of the ceremony of installation, the retiring Officers resumed their chairs, and an address and jewel of the Lodge, having a suitable inscription engraved on the clasp, were presented to Bro. Thorne on behalf of the Scottish Freemasons of Shanghai. Bro. Donaldson said:—Right Worshipful Brother Thorne, the Committee appointed by this Lodge to draw out and present you with an Address on behalf of the Scottish Craft, on the occasion of your resigning the distinguished office of District Grand Master for Northern China under the English Constitution, have delegated to me, as the Founder of the Lodge and their Senior Past Master, the latter part of their duty, and a very pleasant one it is to me, the more so indeed as the Lodge Cosmopolitan came of age this evening, having completed its twenty-one years of work when the ceremony of installation began. Yes, R.W. Sir and Brethren, twenty-one years ago, on behalf of this Lodge, I had the honour of proposing the first Prov. Grand Master of China, Bro. Rawson, and the then Worshipful Master of the Northern Lodge, Bro. Gould, as honorary members, and now I have again the honour of presenting another District Grand Master, also a Past Master of the Northern Lodge, with an address on the beginning of her (so to speak) manhood; and this document is expressive of the high opinion entertained by us of the very valuable services you have rendered to the Craft at large, more especially in the northern parts of this vast empire. Although it only bears about sixty signatures, these repre-

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sent several members of the Lodge—and many others of our brethren under the Scotch Constitution—who are at present absent from Shanghai; and whilst fully endorsing everything that is contained in the address of our English Brethren, we think, as an honorary member of this Lodge for nearly twenty years, and having regard to the very cordial assistance you have always so freely and cheerfully rendered us when required, something more was due to you than the mere appending our names to the document I have alluded to. Therefore, to verify our name "Cosmopolitan," and our motto "Home Everywhere," the present proceedings were unanimously adopted. I could add a deal on behalf of the Lodge, and still more on my own account, as during our Masonic intercourse of considerably over a quarter of a century, we have, I dare to say, always worked most harmoniously together; but I will not further detain the brethren with these old stories, as many may think, and some may even say, that things have changed since then. Therefore, with this preface, I will call on Bro. Gowing, our Secretary, to read the address itself. The Secretary then read the address, as follows:

CORNELIUS THORNE, Esq.,
Past District Grand Master of Northern China, E.C.

DEAR SIR AND RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—When, after many years of constant and unsparing labours on behalf of Freemasonry, you announced your intention of retiring from the high office which you had filled with such distinguished credit as District Grand Master of English Freemasons in Northern China, the announcement created a deep feeling of regret, not only among English Masons, but among the members of the Craft of every other Constitution represented in China. To the lasting benefits which you have conferred on English Freemasonry in the Far East, the brethren lately under your own jurisdiction have testified in the warmest terms; and we, the undersigned members of the Lodge Cosmopolitan and others working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, now desire to express to you the the high regard and esteem in which you are held amongst us, and our grateful remembrance of the favours which you have conferred upon us. Nearly twenty years ago the members of the Lodge Cosmopolitan showed their appreciation of the services which you had already rendered to the Craft by electing you an honorary member of their body; and situated as we are, having no Provincial Grand Lodge in China, it has always been a great advantage to us to have your long experience and sound judgment in Masonic matters placed, as they have been, so ungrudgingly at our service. Before the establishment of the District Grand Lodge you more than once acted as our Installing Master; and since then you have never missed one occasion of attending with your Officers and installing the various Masters of our Lodge as they succeeded one another. By your readiness to assist Masons of every Constitution and nationality—thus carrying out to the uttermost the great principle of the universality of the Science of Freemasonry—you have, as a Mason, proved yourself Cosmopolitan in the truest sense of the word; and we, members of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, beg your acceptance of a Lodge jewel as a *visible* mark of our grateful esteem. It is our earnest prayer that you may long be spared to continue the good work on behalf of Freemasonry and of your fellow men, to which you have devoted so large a portion of your life.

We are, Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother,

Yours faithfully,

(Fifty-six signatures were appended).

Bro. Donaldson—This document, my R.W. Brother, I have now the greatest pleasure in handing to you, and also the jewel referred to therein, well knowing you will place more value on it than it is intrinsically worth; wishing you, on behalf of the whole Scottish Craft, health and happiness during such length of days as may be allotted to you, and on behalf of the Committee every prosperity, wherever you be; and may our Father in Heaven have you at all times in His holy keeping. Bro. Thorne, in reply, said—Bro. Donaldson, R.W. Sir, Bro. Wardens, and Brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge: I feel great difficulty in finding words to express myself, in returning you thanks for this further proof of your kindness towards me, in presenting me with this beautiful address and handsome jewel. You have been pleased to bear testimony to my zeal for our Order. I feel I scarcely deserve such kindness, for I am aware how inadequately I have performed the various Masonic duties which have fallen to my lot. Still, Brethren, I have in some measure tried to carry out the principles of the Craft, and to follow the precepts inculcated by the jewel worn by our J.D., the trowel, which teaches us to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection. In the address you refer to the fact that over twenty years ago I was elected an honorary member of this Lodge. This was not for any service I had then rendered to it, for when I left Shanghai, in March 1864, the warrant for its working had not arrived; and I therefore felt more fully this mark of the esteem of my Scotch brethren who had honoured me in so signal a manner. You allude to me as a Cosmopolitan Mason. Is not this the character which every Mason should strive to obtain and to be proud of? Do we not boast that Freemasonry extends its branches over the whole habitable surface of the globe? And that being so, are we not as Freemasons bound to carry our principles with us wherever we go, so as to set an example to all mankind as well as to our brethren of moral and religious rectitude? Brethren, we are all too apt to fail in this respect; but when such notice is taken of us as you have been pleased to take of me this evening, it makes us feel more fully our own shortcomings, while at the same time it teaches us that the affection of our brethren causes them to overlook many of our failings, and should therefore strengthen us to persevere in the paths of rectitude. To my younger brethren in the Craft I venture to say—remember our lives and actions are carefully noted by those around us, and that as Freemasons we are bound to act up to the precepts taught in our Lodges; and by doing so we may be the means of causing others to follow in our steps, and thereby increase the happiness of those with whom we are connected, or with whom we may come in contact. Brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, I thank you most warmly for this address, and also for the jewel which accompanies it. I shall feel proud to wear this jewel whenever I have an opportunity of so doing; it will remind me of the many pleasant Masonic meetings I have taken part in with my brethren at Shanghai, and of the kindness I have received at their hands. I do not think I shall be leaving China for some time to come, and it will be my pleasure in the future, as in the past, to render service to this Lodge and its members. May the teaching of this Lodge be the means of bringing many into the right path, so that at the termination of this, our mortal existence, we may be found ready to enter into that rest prepared by the Great Architect of the Universe for all who trust in His word and walk in the way of His commandments. R.W. Sir, and brethren all, accept my heartfelt thanks. Bro. Pemberton, on behalf of the Lodge, then presented a testimonial and address to Brother C. M. Donaldson, the Senior Past Master and founder of the Lodge, in commemoration of the constant services which he had rendered to the brethren; and Bro. Donaldson warmly returned thanks. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren supped together under the presidency of the newly installed Master, convivialities being kept up till a late hour.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109.

ON Saturday, the 23rd ultimo, a new Masonic Lodge was consecrated at Heaton Moor, near Manchester, in the large hall of the Conservative Club. This Lodge is an offshoot of the Wolseley Lodge, six out of the seven petitioners being subscribing members of 1993, and it is said to be intended to conduct it on temperance principles. The brethren of the Provinces of East and West Lancashire had a general invitation to attend the consecration, and as a result a numerous company of brethren assembled to witness the ceremony. Bro. W. Goodacre P.G.S., acting for the D.P.G.M., was the Consecrating Officer; he performed the task in an able, eloquent and masterly style. The following brethren (founders) were appointed to their respective Offices:—Hopewell P.M. P.D.G.D.C. Bombay W.M., Harris W.M. 1993 I.P.M., Webster S.W., Barton J.W., Thompson Treasurer, Cole Secretary, Wells S.D., Rev. R. W. Buckley Chaplain, Bromley P.M. D.C., Broadbent J.D., Berra I.G., Litton and Coxell Stewards, N. Jones Tyler. Many candidates were proposed for initiation and joining, and after the usual hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the new Master, Lodge was closed, and the brethren formed in procession, and marched to the lively strains of the Barnes Home Band, to St. Paul's Church, where a choral service was performed by the choir, and an address delivered by the rector, Bro. Rev. R. W. Buckley, D.D, Chaplain. The proceeds of a collection, made at the close of the service, is to be devoted to providing a stained glass window in commemoration of the consecration of the new Lodge. A banquet was held in the evening, and was all that could be desired. Bro. W. Harris, in proposing Success to the Prince Edward Lodge, said one or two attempts had been previously made to found a Lodge on the Moor, but from various causes the endeavours were not successful. The Prince Edward Lodge, whose existence had been inaugurated that day under such favourable auspices, was now an accomplished fact, and this regally named Lodge would, he trusted, have a great, useful, and honourable career. Such must be the inevitable result if those who from time to time constituted the component parts were honourable, worthy and true Craftsmen. The desire to maintain its now bright and untarnished escutcheon was surely a work worthy of emulation by every one of its members. He took Ancient Freemasonry to mean, amongst many other beautiful allegorical teachings and ennobling tenets, a moral Institution, inculcating primarily self architecture, self completion, removing the knobs and excrescences of our moral character, and making in them a more complete and polished manhood—more susceptible to every generous impulse of our common humanity—more ready to perform any kindly act to our brother man, and more charitable to all in word and deed. Who amongst them could estimate the possibilities for good emanating from the establishment of this Lodge? Might the young Craft, so ably and efficiently launched that day, be continued in her course by the guiding hand of the G.A.O.T.U., and might the work thus begun in His name be continued to His glory, and established in them by obedience to His Divine precepts. Several other toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2135.

THE constitution and consecration of this Lodge took place on the 29th ult., at the Lodge-rooms, Charlotte-street, Hull. The ceremony was most solemn and impressive, and was performed by Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell Past Senior Grand Deacon Eng. and Deputy Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, assisted by Bros. M. C. Peck P.G. Secretary, Walter Reynolds P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Geo. Wilson P.P.G. Deacon, H. Forder P.M. P.G.J.D., and a large attendance of the brethren of other Lodges in Hull and district. On the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. T. T. Davis was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. W. Reynolds P.M. P.G. Treasurer; and afterwards the following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. P. C. Whitfield P.M. Acting I.P.M., J. Mackail S.W., R. W. Moll J.W., W. Gillet P.M. Treasurer and Lecture Master, F. W. Maggarr Secretary, W. Hakes Chaplain, F. Vivian S.D., G. W. Greenwood J.D., Vessey King Organist, J. Charlesworth D.C., J. W. Sewell Steward, W. Hickling I.G., J. Bardall Tyler. About 70 brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet in the Humber Lodge, Osborne Street, kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. J. D. O'Donoghue, W.M. of the Humber. During the evening Miss Empringham and Mrs. Baxter entertained the company with a number of popular songs and duets, the duties of the pianist being kindly undertaken by Bro. Vessey King.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, when Bro. J. Corbett was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Lodge having been opened in regular form and the minutes confirmed, the business of the day was proceeded with. This comprised the consideration of a notice of motion by Brother H. Povey P.M. D.C.:—"That a jewel of the usual value be presented to the W.M., Brother W. Cook, on his retirement from the chair, and that the inscription be such as the Lodge shall determine." This was carried, and then Bro. J. F. Fletcher was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Mr. Robert John Bert White was balloted for, for initiation, on the proposition of Bro. H. Roberts, seconded by Bro. J. Corbett W.M. elect. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and then Brother J. Corbett was installed as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The following brethren were appointed Officers for the year:—Bros. William Cook I.P.M., L. V. Walker S.W., E. Y. Jolliffe J.W., E. F Storr P.M. Treasurer, J. P. Collings P.M. Secretary, W. R. Brooks S.D., H. Savidge J.D., W. J. Charles I.G., H. H. Knill Organist, H. Povey P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. R. Tayler and Harrington Baily Stewards, J. Parkinson Tyler. Mr. White was then initiated, the ceremony being conducted by the newly-installed Master. On the Proposition of Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge for Masonic charity, to be placed on the list of the W.M. Some formal business having been transacted the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet; after which the customary toasts were honoured. The Queen and the Craft was the first on the list, and was followed by the National Anthem. In speaking to the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. referred to the undoubted popularity of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was a man beloved by all classes of the community; it would be a surprise to the world if anything arose to dim the lustre of his fame. The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon was made the subject of a separate toast; next came the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, with which was associated the name of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke the Grand Secretary of England, who in reply referred to the traditions of the Neptune Lodge, which embodied a wide and comprehensive period in Masonic history. Any reference made to the Grand Officers by such a Lodge was worthy of especial recognition. Brother Colonel Clerke referred to the masterly way in which the work had been performed by the Installing Master, likewise to the ability displayed by the present W.M., and cordially thanked Bro. Corbett for the way in which he had referred to the brethren comprised in the toast. Bro. Cook proposed the health of the W.M. As the speaker who had just sat down had said, the brethren had already had an opportunity of judging of the Worshipful Master's qualifications for office. He had performed the ceremony of initiation in such a manner that every member of the Lodge must have been thoroughly satisfied. He (Bro. Cook) had infinite pleasure in calling on the brethren to drink a toast in honour of their Worshipful Master. Bro. Corbett, after expressing his thanks to Bro. Cook and the brethren for the toast, assured them that their happiness and comfort should be his first study. He should endeavour to carry out the ritual in a manner that should sustain the prestige the Lodge had always enjoyed. He was much gratified at the success which had attended their present meeting, and assured them he would do his best to maintain the good feeling already existing in the Lodge. He trusted the year might pass pleasantly for all. Bro. Corbett now proceeded to propose the health of the Immediate Past Master. It must have been intensely gratifying to the members generally, and it was particularly so to him, to hear the eulogistic remarks made by their esteemed Grand Secretary in regard to the working of Bro. Cook. He had no hesitation in saying that his efforts to promote the comfort of the brethren during the past year had secured for him the lasting esteem of the members. Bro. Cook having made suitable reply, the W.M. proposed the health of the initiate, to whom he tendered a cordial welcome. In response Bro. White said that till the end of his days he would strive to keep the insignia with which he had been invested in a state of purity. For the visitors several responded, but as time was getting short brevity was the rule; with one exception, where a brother, unwisely we think, went somewhat out of his course to urge on those present the desirability of securing larger premises for our Grand Lodge quarters. The general impression was, however, that the occasion was scarcely a fitting one for the expression of such views. Bro. Henry Povey (the Installing Master of the day) replied on behalf of the Past Masters, and then the W.M., in a most exhaustive speech, proposed the Masonic Charities. He detailed what was being done by the three Institutions, and referred to the part taken by the Neptune Lodge in the establishment, both of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. Brother Terry in response gave some very interesting statistics, fully acknowledging the constant and consistent support given by the Neptune Lodge. After specially thanking the Lodge for its vote of ten guineas and the Worshipful Master for his promise of a similar amount, he humorously explained that sound practical evidence had for many years been shown that the brethren of the Old Neptune Lodge were fervent in their belief as to the benefits derivable from the Institution with which he was most intimately associated. He detailed the heavy responsibilities entailed on the executive of the Charity, and pleaded eloquently on behalf of the immediate objects of his care and solicitude. The Treasurer and Secretary were next toasted, and brief responses were made both by Bro. Storr (Treasurer) and Bro. Collings (Secretary). Shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given. Among the Visitors were Bros. Pile P.M. 1892, Crapper, Stedman W.M. 172, Cross 1319, Cousens 227, E. Anderson jun. 715, Wright 1364, Fitzgerald 1351, Burkitt 930, Kenning P.M. 1657, Willey 9, King 186, Hampfer 1679, Stone 1261. The following is the programme of songs, &c., which were capitally rendered by the artistes named. Brother Dr. J. F. Haskins presided at the pianoforte, and to him great credit is due for the musical arrangements, which gave most unbounded satisfaction to all assembled. Grace, "For these and all Thy Mercies," Tallis; National Anthem, "God Save the Queen." Dr. J. Ball—Solo by Miss Effie Chapuy, R.A.M.; Trio, "This Magic Wove Scarf" J. Barnett—Miss Chapuy and Messrs. Cassidy and D'Alton; Song, "I fear no foe," Pinsuti—Mr. Curtis D'Alton; Song, "Bid me good-bye," Tosti—Miss Effie Chapuy; Duet, "Maying," Miss M. H. Smith—Miss Chapuy and Mr. T. Cassidy; Song, "Linger awhile, my dearest," J. F. Haskins—Mr. T. Cassidy; Song, "Esmeralda," Levey—Miss Effie Chapuy; Song, "Father O'Flynn," Stanford—Mr. Curtis D'Alton; Solo Violin, "L'Elisir d'Amore," Thirlwall—Bro. H. Savidge, J.D.; Solo Pianoforte, Bro. Henry W. Peck; Song, "Good-bye," Tosti—Mr. T. Cassidy; Song, "The Demon King," Marks—Mr. Curtis D'Alton; Duet, "Excelsior," Balfe—Messrs. Cassidy and D'Alton.

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. The following were present:—J. Brittain Prov. G. Junior Warden Herts W.M., W. K. Hopkin Prov. G. Sword Bearer S.W., D. Schmidt J.W., R. Fisher Young P.M. Sec., P.M.'s Charles Allen, J. G. Yolland, J. Fowler, J. Lowthin, W. Lewis S.D., B. Gotto D.C., G. F. Kempson A.D.C., H. Holmes Prov. G.A. Sec Herts, T. S. Carter P.P.J.G.W. Herts, J. E. Cussans P.P.G.S.W. Herts, R. W. Goddard P.M. 65 Tyler, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Morris 403, Tevon 1950, Kilsby 1702, Tabernacle 1238, Haskins 1364, Mickley 449, Parrott 1479, Roberts 1185, Teigne 1612, Hunt 194, Hawkins 25, Hudson 1708, Dumville 1479, W. M. Morgan jun., &c. The Lodge having been regularly opened, and the minutes confirmed, the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Hopkin the W.M. elect, who will act as Steward at the approaching festival. Bro. Hopkin was then presented and regularly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After being saluted in the three degrees, he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Schmidt S.W., Lewis J.W., Hayward Edwards P.M. Treasurer, Fisher Young P.M. Secretary, Durham S.D., Martin J.D., Grae P.M. D.C., Kempson A.D.C., Gotto I.G., De Bury and Baxter Stewards, Goddard P.M. Tyler. Brother Brittain the Installing Master then completed the ceremony with the customary addresses, delivering them in an able manner. Brother Hayward Edwards was appointed as the representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Audit Committee, and Brother Young the representative to the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association. The Trustees and Officers of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he had a very pleasing duty to perform—to present his predecessor with the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge. Bro. Brittain had performed the work of the chair during the past year in the most gratifying manner. If it had not been his good fortune to have any candidates come forward for initiation he had had other duties to carry out, equally, if not more, onerous. During the twelve months the Gladsmuir Lodge had lost two of its Past Masters, and the representation of the Lodge at the funerals of those two brethren had been arranged and properly carried out by the Worshipful Master. Then they had been honoured by a visit from the Provincial Grand Lodge, an event which naturally entailed a great amount of labour for Brother Brittain. He had attended to all these matters in a satisfactory manner, and in other ways had advanced the reputation of the Lodge. In presenting the Past Master's jewel he trusted that Bro. Brittain would long be a conspicuous member of the Lodge, and that he would have good health for many years to come. Bro. Brittain suitably acknowledged the presentation, and the name of a candidate for initiation having been given in, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards assembled at banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hopkin. The usual toasts were given at the conclusion of the repast. The Worshipful Master said the first toast in all assemblies of Englishmen, and especially of Masons, was the health of Her Majesty the Queen. He was sure those present would honour the toast to the best of their ability, as loyalty was a prominent feature among Freemasons. It was a source of regret that Her Majesty did not so frequently show herself as her people desired, still, no doubt she had reasons for not doing so. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was proposed. His Royal Highness was a true and hearty Mason, as was evidenced by the interest he took in its ceremonies and in its welfare generally. In proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past the W.M. said that from what he had seen at Grand Lodge he was convinced that Freemasonry was conducted as it ought to be. The way in which the work of the Craft was there arranged was worth the while of any one eligible to attend to witness. The next toast was the health of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master. Many of those present had seen the way in which the Provincial Grand Master carried out the ceremonies of the Order. He was perfect in every part of the work. At the recent consecration of the Dacre Lodge he had amply proved this, the way in which the ceremonies were there carried out being a treat to behold. Bro. Halsey took great interest in the Gladsmuir Lodge, and, as they had heard in the Lodge, would have accepted their invitation to be present that day but for a prior engagement. He had shown the high opinion he held of the Gladsmuir Lodge by appointing four of its members to Provincial office for the current year. In proposing the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Officers, the Worshipful Master expressed his regret at the absence of the Deputy, who he fully anticipated would have been among them that day. They were honoured however by the presence of Bro. Dr. Mickley, the

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S.W. of the Province, and by other Provincial Officers. Bro. Mickley, in responding, regretted that the absence of the Deputy had thrown the response to the toast on him, but more especially did he regret his absence, as it was caused by ill health. The Deputy of the Province might well be termed the right man in the right place. He proved his aptitude for the office on every possible occasion, and attended to his work as far as he was able. Bro. Mickley concluded by expressing his thanks on behalf of the others comprised in the toast, after which Bro. Brittain proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It fell to his lot to propose the health of a most esteemed brother, who he had that evening had the pleasure of installing in the chair of the Gladsmuir Lodge. Bro. Hopkin had been most attentive to his duties, and had risen to his high office amid the good wishes of his fellow members, who felt the greatest pleasure in seeing him in the chair and who trusted he might have a successful and prosperous year of office. In response, Bro. Hopkin assured the brethren he hardly felt able to reply to the very kind way in which he had been received by those present. The position he then occupied in the Lodge was far beyond what he had ever expected. It would be his constant endeavour to keep up the standard of merit of the Gladsmuir Lodge, and if possible add to the high reputation it already enjoyed. He next proposed the toast of the Installing Master. Those who had witnessed the ceremony of the day must have been gratified at the able way in which the Immediate Past Master had performed it. The manner in which Bro. Brittain had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during the past year was worthy of imitation, for he had been most attentive to every duty which he was called upon to fulfil. He was a most enthusiastic brother, having the interests of Freemasonry at heart. No one could be more anxious to see the work of the Order properly carried out. Bro. Brittain tendered his thanks. He had that day made his maiden attempt at the installation ceremony, and he was very pleased to know he had done it to the satisfaction of those around him. He assured them he knew it much better out of the Lodge than he had appeared to know it in the Lodge, but that he supposed was usually the case. He considered that his year of office had been an eventful one for the Gladsmuir Lodge. First they had been threatened with being forced to find other quarters, but happily a removal had not been necessary. Then they had had the misfortune to lose two of their Past Masters, and last, though not least, they had unexpectedly had the opportunity of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge, in which matter they had given satisfaction to all the brethren in the district. With all this to attend to he had unfortunately had no actual work—so far as the ceremonies of Masonry were concerned—but the Lodge had maintained its reputation be what it had done. He had been able to attend regularly in the past, and assured the brethren that if it was any way possible they would always see the jewel they had just presented to him at their meetings with him behind it. The toast of the Visitors was next given. *Bro. Kilsby* replied. He, and he felt he might also say, all the *Visitors*, had so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that night that they would be anxious to come again. The work in the Lodge had been a treat, and the hospitality of the brethren such as to prove how pleased they were to see guests among them. Bro. Yonens (Melbourne) also replied. He was much indebted to the Worshipful Master and the brethren for the hearty reception accorded him that day. Although not as regular an attendant at Lodge meetings as he could desire he had the interests of the Craft thoroughly at heart. He had had some experience of Freemasonry at the Antipodes, where it was very strong. Only the previous week he had read of the consecration of a new Lodge in New Zealand, and it had started with seventy-nine members. He could also speak strongly of the true Masonic spirit of the Australian and New Zealand brethren. During his travels he had been shipwrecked, and was on that occasion entertained by a brother Mason, who took him in and treated him as only a true Mason could do. He should not readily forget the kindness with which the Visitors had that night been received in the Gladsmuir Lodge. The W.M. next gave the Past Masters. The brethren who had passed the chair of the Lodge were Masons who could be looked up to and revered. The Lodge might at all times be sure of their support and their encouragement. It would be his endeavour to follow in their footsteps. Bro. Yolland tendered thanks for the hearty reception of the toast, assuring the Lodge that the services of the Past Masters would always be at the disposal of the brethren. Brother Brittain also replied, and the Worshipful Master then proposed the Masonic Charities. No one, he felt, was more to be pitied than he who, in the battle of life, had fallen into distress. It was the purpose of Freemasonry to help those who were unfortunate, and he trusted the Gladsmuir Lodge would do its best to support the brethren and others who were forced to appeal for assistance. Last year had seen the largest amount contributed for Masonic benevolence ever known, and that entailed grave responsibilities. Were the brethren to consider that as a last dying effort? Were they to cease activity and be content with less?—No. They must so act as to prevent a falling off, even if they were not able to increase the total year by year. He had undertaken the duties of Steward for the Old People, and appealed for the warmest support from the brethren on behalf of those who were unable to appeal for themselves. Bro. Cussans replied in a forcible speech. There were some who looked upon Freemasonry as consisting of but two things—buffoonery and gluttony, but those who were initiated knew this was not true—the aim of every brother was to relieve the wants of others so far as lay in his power. Bro. Cussans referred to some instances which had come under his observation in which Masonic charity had been fully exemplified, and in other ways urged the brethren to do what they could. As a result we are pleased to say several amounts were added to the Worshipful Master's list. The Officers of the Lodge having been toasted, and a reply having been given, the Tyler was summoned, and he concluded the proceedings in the customary manner. Several of the members of the Lodge and visitors were prevented from attending by the inclemency of the weather. Bro. Dr. Haskins presided at the piano.

"OUR CHILDREN" AT THE PANTOMIME.

AS was shadowed forth at the consecration of the Drury Lane Lodge on Monday night, the enthusiasm of Bro. Augustus Harris is not confined merely to his confrères within the Lodge, but is also extended to the children who are maintained, clothed, and educated in our Institutions at Wood Green and Battersea Rise. His kindly invitation to the little ones of both sexes who are the peculiar care of the Craft, to witness a representation of *Aladdin*, was received with great rejoicing at both Schools, and the proprietor of the "National Theatre" has reaped the reward of his well-merited intentions by the scene that was witnessed in his unparelleled resort on Friday of last week. The girls left Battersea early in the afternoon in thirteen well-appointed conveyances, supplied by Mr. Thomas Tilling, the "prince of jobmasters," of Peckham, and elsewhere, and arrived at the theatre soon after two o'clock, where they were received by the genial proprietor, his brother Mr. Charles Harris, Bro. J. Fleming the Treasurer, Bro. A. M. Broadley Secretary, and others, including Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Frank Richardson, and Robert Grey. They were under the superintendence of Miss Davis, the head mistress, who was assisted by Miss Kernott and Miss Hammond; and all looked cheerful and well as they filed into the corridor of the theatre, evidently bent on enjoyment. The boys, accompanied by their esteemed head master the Rev. Dr. Morris, travelled by rail from Wood Green to Farringdon Street Station, and marched thence in procession to Drury Lane. On their arrival at the theatre they were conducted to the seats specially allotted them in the pit, and as the lads recognised their cheery-faced "sisters" in the balcony, they set up such a cheer as has seldom been heard to reverberate through the walls of "Old Drury." It is scarcely necessary to say that the exciting incidents of the Arabian Nights' story, so familiar to every school boy and girl, were heartily enjoyed, and that the fun of the after burlesque was appreciated. The children enjoyed Pantomime as children always do, and their ringing laughter was most refreshing. All that could be done for their enjoyment was done, and when the transformation scenes had been wonderingly admired, and the antics of clown and pantaloon laughed at, the little ones filed out into the corridor, where they were regaled with rich cakes, oranges, and buns, generously given by Bro. Lord Londesborough, the Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge. His lordship occupied a seat in the stalls during the performance, and seemed heartily to enjoy the ebullition of pleasure evinced by the children. The "distribution" of the good things was superintended by Mr. Gibbon, who discharged this labour of love with the utmost readiness, and the little ones were loud in their praise of the cakes supplied by Messrs. Buzzard, of 197 Oxford Street, and still more for the delectable entertainment to which they had been treated through the kind hospitality of Bro. Augustus Harris.

In reference to the late Sir Walter Burrell, Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, it may be said he was an excellent worker himself, and strove by every means in his power to induce the Masters in his Province to perfect themselves. A good old custom was that of his,—to invite the Masters annually to a pic-nic at his seat at East Grinstead, and all who have occupied the W.M.'s chair can testify to the enjoyable nature of these Masonic gatherings. Nothing was left undone that would conduce to the comfort of his guests, even to the sending of carriages for their conveyance both morning and evening from and to the railway station. He visited the Lodges in his Province, and by his universal cheerfulness and kindness won the hearts of every brother therein.

Truth says of him:

Another good landlord and zealous agriculturist has passed away in Sir Walter Burrell, who had represented the defunct borough of Shoreham in Parliament for the last ten years, during which period he supported the Tory leaders "with silence and solicitude." He was very popular in Sussex among all classes, and was the head of one of the oldest families in the county. He was very kind and charitable to his poor neighbours, and did everything in his power to improve their condition and to make them happy. Sir Walter was an enthusiastic supporter of all the local cricket clubs, and he took great interest in the Volunteers. He was one of the leading Freemasons of Sussex. His father, Sir Percy Burrell, sat for Shoreham for fifty-six years, and was "father of the House" when he died in 1862.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 6th February 1886:—

Monday—Caxton Lodge, Urban Chapter, Lodge of Unions, Zephyr Ball. Tuesday—Albion Lodge, Royal York Lodge, Third London Rifle Volunteer Ball. Wednesday—City of London Lodge Ball, Grand Chapter Club. Thursday—St. Andrew's Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday—Second City of London Volunteer Ball, Royal Kensington Lodge, Odd Volumes, Thistle Lodge. Saturday—City and West End Soirée, London Wheelers' Cinderella, Phœnix Chapter.

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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 FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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-stree
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Stacey Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 173 Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-s quare

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

MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cumberland Tavern, Cumberland Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
46—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.
130—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—Fuprates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
857—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, 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.)
1673—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1690—Kings and, Cork 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
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

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
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
40—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
242—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
290—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
833—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
1456—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1496—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1571—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
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

R.A. 80—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 379—Tyndte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saints, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 9th 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)
95—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
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)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Regina, 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.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1369—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lamorth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1451—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
1635—Canterbury, Golden Square, W.
1669—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1685—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. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
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
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—Tombridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St. John's, Hayshe 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—Jaden, 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, 10th FERRUARY.

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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (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. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Staunton-street, Regent's 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, Bardett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pompin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Bargoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1310—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 486 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Adam and Eve Mews, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Manor 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
1988—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—Dramatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., W. (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 914—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

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
140—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
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483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
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866—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)

1019—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
1091—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
1396—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)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 290—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 294—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 313—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stonecrough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

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, Dentford, 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)
846—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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.)
1196—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1274—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1309—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)

1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1559—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Ivy Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, 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)
1628—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1704—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Cobern, Vestry Hall, Bow
1860—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—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. 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)
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.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
646—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, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
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
1667—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
916—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, 12th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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.)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
749—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1286—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Lalbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2003—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

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-road, 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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
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, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
602—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
1047—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leigham Bassett
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
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, Woolbridge
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
185—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Stanley-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)
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
1621—Confusion, 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.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Royal Chapter of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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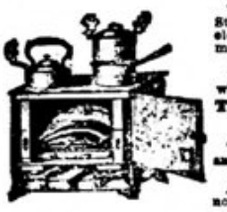

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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE very large additions which have been made during the past few years to the number of annuities dispensed by this Institution has placed it in the foremost rank among the Charities of England, while the extent of its munificence has acquired for it such a reputation as has brought credit to the brethren who established it, to those who have raised it to its present greatness, and, above all, to those who maintain it by their contributions. To each and all of these brethren the thanks of the Craft are due, and are frequently given, while, in addition, the supporters of the Charity have won the thanks—aye, and blessings also—of the many aged brethren and widows who have been relieved through its funds in the declining years of their life. We trust the day is far distant when it will become necessary to in any way curtail the operations of this truly noble Institution, but as we have invariably pointed out, whenever an *increase* in its sphere of operations has been proposed or carried out, extension not only means increased responsibilities for the time being, but also increased expenditure year by year so long as it is desired to maintain the extension. We say, so long as it is desired to maintain the extension, but who is there, with the true spirit of Masonry in his breast, who does not desire to maintain, and even extend the benefits which this Institution bestows on aged brethren and the widows of deceased Freemasons?

With every desire, however, to extend the operations of the Institution there is another, and a greater object to be achieved—to raise the funds necessary to carry the Charity ont on its present basis; and although this difficulty has been nobly mastered in the past, there can be no gainsaying the fact that at the present time there is a prospect, if not a probability, of its mastering every effort which the brethren of England can put forward on behalf of the Institution, and those who are seeking admission to its benefits. The receipts of the year are largely dependent on the result of the Annual Festival held on behalf of the Institution, and the receipts of that Festival are in turn largely dependent on the number of Stewards who take part in it. This year the number of the latter is terribly short of the total of last year, and it may therefore be expected that the total amount realised by the Board of Stewards will also be a long way short, although at present there are no means of forming an estimate one way or the other. All we can do is to argue by inference, and unfortunately there is very little need to take an extravagantly gloomy view of the case to make it apparent that a great falling off must result from this year's Festival as compared with what was announced last February. At the Festival of 1885 the total announced showed an average of about £53 per Steward, and at the present time there are sixty-seven Stewards less than at the corresponding period of last year. It is but fair then to imagine that the year's total may show a falling off of upwards of three thousand five hundred pounds, indeed that it must do so unless this year's Stewards are able to do much better than their brothers were able to last year, and so raise the average. But is there anything which can for one moment induce us to hope that this year's lists will be individually larger than last year's? we fear not. Rather may we look for a falling-off, for everything at the present time points to a diminution in the flow of benevolence rather than to an increase. Business has been bad for some time; appears to be getting worse, and presents the gloomiest of prospects for the future. How, then, can we expect increased benevolence? There may be a willingness to give more; we believe there always is whenever more is needed; but without the means to carry the wish into execution the best of desires are unavailing, and meanwhile those who are the worst off cannot find that little help which moderate prosperity, at ordinary times even, would place it in the power of their fellows to bestow. What can be done to help them, or where shall we look for relief for the many whose past services to the Craft have given them a claim on every Mason of to-day, for relief as far as their circumstances in life permit? We can only look to the Craft at large, and appeal to every brother to help his local Steward to the best of his ability, and thereby endeavour to make the Festival of the present year as great a success as any which have preceded it.

At the present time there are one hundred and twenty-nine candidates seeking admission to the benefits of the Benevolent Institution, while at the same time there are but eighteen vacancies which can be divided among that large number of applicants; add to this the six deferred annuities which the Institution is able to afford, and we have one hundred and five candidates for whom absolutely nothing can be done. No doubt every one of these old people has been looking forward to the week which is now closing for many months past, for most of them must have been aware that it was on Wednesday that the Committee had to decide on the number of vacancies to be filled at the coming election. It was in the power of the Committee to decide on an extension or a curtailment of the number of annuitants, or simply to decide on filling the vacancies caused by death during the past twelve months. They adopted the latter course, but not without making a strong effort to meet the increasing calls on the Charity by at least a small increase in the number of beneficiaires. Wiser counsels, however, prevailed, and in face of the facts we have just referred to in connection with the approaching Festival, the Committee decided to simply continue as they had been doing the past year. We approve of their decision, but we regret the circumstances which have made that decision necessary. All we can hope for now is, that the Festival may prove a surprise—that a much larger amount may be announced than is expected, and that, in consequence, it may be found possible to increase the number of vacancies previous to the election.

We have said that the number of candidates is one hundred and twenty-nine. Of these, fifty-eight are seeking the benefits of the Male, and seventy-one those of the Female Fund. There are but twelve vacancies for the aged brethren to fill, and only six available for the widows. Add to these the three deferred annuities in each case, and we have the total of what can this year be done for those who, in their decline of life, are compelled to seek the help of their brother Masons, or the brethren of their deceased husbands. Can a more forcible appeal for help be made than the bare announcement of these figures, coupled with the assurance that as much is being done with the funds at disposal as is possible to be done? and that anything further the Masons of England may find it in their power to give will be faithfully and zealously applied

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for the relief of those who are unable to relieve themselves.

An opinion has been gaining ground for some time past that for a Steward to be of much service he must secure a tolerably large list. Nothing is further from the facts of the case. Large totals are of course desirable, but if we cannot have large ones let us have medium ones, or even small ones. If a brother can only secure one or two amounts in addition to his own, let him not despair on that account; if he cannot secure even one amount to support his own donation, let him not keep back. His efforts in the cause must do good, and will without doubt bear fruit some day, while his example will lead others to follow in his footsteps, perhaps to meet with greater success from friends than he was able to secure from his. If once it becomes the rule for brethren to give up Stewardships because they cannot at first command a number of contributions outside their own, the whole system of Stewardship will speedily come to an end, while it is only after setting a good example, and then trying what can be done that brethren secure large totals. In face of the present outlook we urgently implore all who are able to lend a hand on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and endeavour to make its Festival—to be held this month—so great a success as to allow of an increase in the number of vacancies being declared before the next election.

ALBERT PIKE'S "MASONIC ORIGINS."

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

A REFORMER of religion, science, or politics, is very apt to be assailed by those whose cherished faith he is endeavouring to destroy, and such is also the case in Masonry: thus Bro. Krause was persecuted unto death by his contemporaries in Germany because he differed with them about something. Bro. Dalcho was deposed by two of his associates from Sovereignty of the A. and A. Rite because he knew more than they did. Bro. Findel is still detested by American Templars and other high degreers because he exploded their fallacies, and we all remember what a hue and cry was raised against Bro. Gould because he disproved Wren's connection with Freemasonry. The opponents to free inquiry can be divided into several classes. First, are those who believe in "the wisdom of our ancestors." They are opposed to innovation, simply because it is new. These are mentally mere crystalized fossils, and are impervious to reason. Second, are the luminaries, who have acquired a high reputation as Masonic authorities. These, as a rule, will fight to the last for every old absurdity, even after they are convinced that it is an absurdity. Here, however, we have a high degreer who frankly acknowledges that the legends of all our Rites and Degrees are mere fictions.

I have here, seemingly, a bran new pamphlet, minus, however, the names of the author and publisher—it is headed "Masonic Origins," at the end of which is the well-known cross of a S.G.C. of the A. and A. Rite, and I have reason to believe that Bro. Albert Pike is its author. I have made up my mind long ago that Bro. Pike was not Masonically orthodox, as far as Masonic traditions are concerned, and verily believe that the few concessions which Mackey, in the latter part of his life, made to reason and common sense, were mainly due to Pike's influence. But be that as it may, Bro. Pike has come out with a confession of faith, and his motives, as well as his reasoning thereupon, seem to me very curious.

Bro. Pike seems to regard the Masonic degree manufacturing business from a political economy standpoint, viz., supply and demand. It seems to be his opinion that when Masons first began to hanker after Christian Masonry, that the degree inventor was perfectly right in making the bankerers believe that De Molay and the Knights Templars were Masons, that he was in possession of the Templars' mysteries, &c., and that for a certain sum he could transform them into genuine Knights Templars. After our Christian became Templarised, the degree manufacturer found that high titles were appreciated among our brethren; and here again the degree inventor was perfectly justified in making that class believe that he had received from Berlin or Paris a series of ancient Rites and degrees overflowing with Masonic light, and that the possessors of those Rites will be called Emperors of the East and West, Princes of Jerusalem, Princes of the Royal Secret. In short, the Rite will confer upon a Mason more titles than any King, Emperor, or Potentate ever had. And of course the ambitious brethren rush into the newly-invented concern, and imagine themselves to be very high in Masonry.

Now, as a rule, the hankerers for more and more light, never can find time to read anything, but some of the infected with the high degree fever seem to have got old of some old Masonic history, wherein they learned that old father Adam was a Mason. Thereupon they began to inquire as to what had become of the Adamite ritual, &c. And here again, the degree inventor was justified in persuading those zealous seekers for "more light" that somebody from Egypt, Timbuctoo, or elsewhere, had empowered him to confer a series of degrees, covering the whole period from the days of Adam to those of Solomon. And it is amusing to read the writings of these high degree luminaries, boasting that four or five thousand years ago their Masonic degrees were deemed to have been ancient. Bro. Pike not only approves of the Masonic degree inventing business, but he also lays down the law that the inventor of a degree or rite has a right to be Grand Nabob thereof for life, that he may sell his right to another, and that whichever way the Nabobship was acquired the members of the concern are bound to obey the Nabob's dictum.

Here is a strange perversion of ideas, viz., because *supply and demand*, in legitimate business transactions, is all right, therefore, when a Masonic simpleton hankers after *ancient* Degrees, the Degree manufacturer may palm off upon him his new-made Degrees for old ones. Now, if a man sells an old coin, manuscript, &c., for a high price, and guarantees it to be old, and it is afterwards discovered that the seller himself had manufactured it, he is taken up and punished as an impostor; hence, I can see no reason why the seller of old Masonic degrees may not also be punished as an impostor. The truth, however, is the craze for more degrees is now so great that our Masons will rush into any kind of humbug, knowing it to be such. Bro. Pike's motive, however, for coming out with the truth, is simply to convince the reader that as far as truth is concerned one rite is just as good as another, he says:

"The primary or earliest rite of Freemasonry was the Symbolic, commonly known as Blue Masonry, consisting at first of either one or two degrees, to which afterwards a third was added. When the first or second degree was invented, or by whom, or how, is not known. It is only known that until about a certain date there were no degrees, and that it was some time after the first two were invented and used, that the third degree was adopted. The three were invented in succession, and came into use before there were other organisations than that of Blue Masonry." Again.

"Every one knows that no such a history, charges, and regulations, had come from Italy (meaning Anderson's Constitutions, &c), that the charges were not extracted from 'Ancient Records' of Lodges beyond Seas. . . . that the whole account of the Constitutions adopted by the Grand Lodge at York, of which Prince Edwin was Grand Master, and the adoption of the Constitutions in the times of Henry VI. and of Edward IV. was fabulous.

"But being drawn out by Anderson, they were adopted by the Grand Lodge, and by that became obligatory, being in no wise vitiated by the false statements as to the antiquity of the sources from which they were derived, any more than the laws of Numa Pompilius, because, to give them greater sanctity, he pretended that they were dictated to him by the Nymph Egeria."

Now it is my humble opinion that if the laws of Numa had been ridiculous or unjust, and were only obeyed because the Nymph Egeria was believed to have dictated them, that the moment the Romans discovered that the Nymph did not dictate them, they had a perfect right to discard them.

After our author has had his say about Blue Masonry, he skims over the origin of a dozen or more other Masonries. It seems that the A. and A. Rite historians claimed that nine Commissioners assembled at either Berlin or Bordeaux (they do not seem to know which) in 1762. Thereupon Bro. Pike says:

"Whether there was such an assembly; whether, if there was, it met in 1762, who the Commissioners were, how appointed and empowered, and how, when, and by what Body these Regulations were adopted, nothing whatever is, or has been, known." Again,

"The Templar degree made its appearance in England,

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brought it is supposed from France, and worked in England as the first of seven degrees, of which the seventh was the Kadosh. All these were given in the Blue Lodge.

"In Scotland, one Lodge would sell to another, for a pound or two, the right to confer the Templar degree. In England the Lodges conferred it, and afterwards the Dermott Grand Lodge chartered an Encampment at Manchester, composed of artizans, which conferred the Templar degree for seven and sixpence. Then Dunckerley took possession of it, assumed to be its Chief, and made it an Order, with a new organisation. Who knows anything about the origin of that degree, by whom, and when, and where, it was invented and first worked? No man on earth! It is supposed to have originated in France, but no one knows that, nor has any one ever seen a French ritual of a Templar degree like ours, or like the English degree, nor is such a degree spoken of as ever having existed in France by any French Masonic writer.

"And those who had possession of the Templar degree in New England made the Red Cross degree out of two degrees of the Rite of Perfection, and organised it and the Templar degree into another Rite, with Encampments, Commanderies, &c. And who knows anything in regard to the origin of the two degrees out of which the Red Cross was made? No one! When, how, or by whom they were made, no one knows.

"I shall not criticise Bro. Pike's statements about the Templar degree being the first of seven in Dunckerley's Rite, &c. But I must say that, notwithstanding no one knows as to where and when the Templar degree was invented, I have not any doubt that France was the birthplace of Masonic Templarism. In the 5th volume of Bro. Gould's history I find as follows:

"In France, however, some [who pretended to be] Scots Lodges appear to have very early manufactured new degrees, connecting these very [so-called] distinguished Scots Masons with the Knights Templars, and thus giving rise to a subsequent flood of Templarism."

On page 92 he says:

"At this distance of time it would be impossible to *define their* precise teaching. This impossibility is not caused by the absence of rituals, of which any number exist, but by their diversity. One chief idea, however, runs through all—the discovery in a vault, by Scottish Crusaders, of the long lost and ineffable word. Also that in this search they had to work with the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other. The epoch referred to is, however, that of the Crusaders, not of Zerubbabel (or the second Temple)."

"The concluding part of the last paragraph furnishes the germ of Royal Arch Masonry, that is, the hint of "the sword in one hand, &c., probably suggested to the English ritual tinker to place the origin of the R.A. to the time of Zerubbabel. There were not only all kinds of Templar degrees in the last century, but R.A. degrees also, varied. For instance, several years ago I got hold of a French copy of a R.A. ritual, which was brought to New York from Hayti by Count de Laurent, in 1832. I had it translated into English, and two brothers of the 33rd degree assured me that there was some Scottish riticism in it. A very similar French ritual of the R.A. degree was brought from Hayti about the beginning of this century to New Orleans, which was translated by Bro. Pike. Whether this R.A. ritual, formed of the original Rite of Perfection before the Charlestonians swamped those degrees into their A. and A. Rite, I know not; but be that as it may, that French ritual placed the origin of the R.A. to the time of the Emperor Titus, or after the destruction of the last Temple, when some zealous Masons discovered a vault, and in it they found the lost word. The English ritual tinker changed its origin to the time of Zerubbabel, when not only the lost word was discovered, but the Pentateuch was also then discovered, and he also Christianised it, with the Triple Tau, and quotations from the Gospel of St. John. Here in America we have another kind of the R.A. ritual. But the A. and A. Riters knock the wind out of all R.A. rituals. According to them, the word has never been lost since the days of Solomon, and hence it was not found either since Solomon's time.

Now, the Templar degree was probably changed and altered as many times as the R.A. degree was. We have seen that the French Masons have somehow Masonized the Crusaders, but in a Protestant country like England the whole scheme of the Crusades was regarded as part and parcel of Catholic superstition. In short, the English Protestant had no sympathy for the Knights Templars. Hence it was deemed necessary by the degree tinker to turn De Molay and the Templars into Masons, and that means the Protestant flame of hatred was fanned against a Pope and a Catholic King, and great sympathy was engendered for our murdered ancient Masonic Knights Templars. Admitting, therefore, that the Protestant Templar ritual was not brought from France, yet there can be no doubt that some kinds of French Templar rituals were brought from France, which were swamped in England, and again in America.

And now for one more paragraph from Bro. Pike's pamphlet.

"Fortunately (says Bro. P.) it is no longer considered necessary to resort to fiction, impudent and ridiculous, to support the claim to the legitimacy of any degree or Rite of Freemasonry. Nothing in religion, or history, or mythology has ever equalled the riotous exuberance of fiction in which the earlier Masonic writers in England revelled in regard to Blue Symbolic Masonry, and multitudes religiously believe those impudent fictions yet. These sufficed at the time when they were invented, but they are unnecessary and exploded now."

Into what a jumble of inconsistency has Freemasonry been plunged? Thus, on one side we are told that

"Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every Masonic virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught at our initiation, &c."

While, on the other hand, the most prominent and most widely known American Masonic luminary frankly admits that we have all along been humbugged; he points out no remedy for ridding Masonry of what he calls "impudent fictions," but, on the contrary, he not only approves of retaining those fictions, but makes the existing fictions an excuse for justifying the invention of more and more rites and degrees, which are of course to be based on new humbugging fictions. In short, after viewing Bro. Pike's notions from every side, I must come to the conclusion that expediency is the highest point of Bro. Pike's Masonic morality.

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WHERE THE SECRET IS.

IF Masonry were nothing more than seems to be supposed by many Masonic writers and orators, innovations might well be considered of little consequence. It could not matter to the Fraternity whether or not a particular part of a certain ceremony were performed in precisely the manner to which our grandfathers were accustomed, provided something should be done which would appear well in the eyes of the initiate and comport with the dignity of an ancient and honourable association. It is true there is a lurking belief in the minds of even the most inattentive and negligent members of the Lodge, that there is something secret or mystic involved in some particular parts of the work, which would be of importance if any one could ascertain what it is, and the portion in which it is fossilized being a part of the secret, all agree that the work should be kept intact as far as possible, in order to preserve whatever possibility there may be of its recovery. This belief passes by tradition, and is insisted on continally as being a necessary article of faith, but no one seems to suppose that there is the least chance or hope of ever discovering what those secret, or rather lost, knowledges are, which have been so effectually hidden in the work.

While the Craft go on thus from year to year, without any attempt to find out what, if anything, is concealed in the Lodge, and without using any of the means at hand for that purpose, the knowledge of what is in the Lodge itself decreases, while all other knowledge increases, and consequently indifference and neglect more and more prevail. While this has been going on during the last thirty-five years, more than six hundred thousand men in the United States, belonging to every station in life, have been admitted to all the rites and benefits of Masonry as now practised, and to the knowledge of the "mysteries" of the Lodge, so far as they may have been able to find out what they are in the best way they could.

Having exhausted the little fund of information still existing in the Lodge which serves somewhat to sharpen their curiosity, those who have some inclination to investi-

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gate the supposed science and philosophy of the Institution of which they have heard a great deal, look about for other sources of information. Of these, or what are supposed to be such, they find two. One is the abundant supply of Masonic writings of all sorts, and the other is the so-called "high degrees." If they inquire of any one of those Masons whom they have seen occupying a conspicuous position among the Orders which are "away up" in Masonry, and who wears strange and highly enigmatical jewelry attached to his watch chain, they are assured at once that the only source of knowledge is to be found in the superior "Capitular," "Cryptic," "Templar" or "Ineffable" grades, as the case may be, to which the jewel and "gold mounted" philosopher has attained. They further learn that they cannot extract much, if anything, from "the first three degrees," or if more properly spoken, "the first three degree," or, as more likely they will be termed, "the inferior degrees," or, as they have been recently designated in the allocution of an "Eminent Grand Commander," the "subordinate and appendant degrees."

The inquirer, never noticing that such informants have themselves nothing whatever in the shape of Masonic knowledge to communicate, which concerns "the inferior degrees," beyond what he has been able to pick up from the other members who are Master Masons—never stopping to inquire why it is, if they are in possession of such superior illumination, that they cannot explain to him either the steps "*Dieu gardes*," signs, positions, ambulations, words, floors, geometric figures, or the meanings of the implements actually used, or the characters or names of those who use them in the most important and solemn parts of the work, concludes that he ought to have some more degrees. He inquires the terms on which they may be obtained, and particularly how long he must wait before he can be "put through," and, to see what can be found in the meantime in books, he takes up one of the Masonic cyclopœdias. He finds it filled with illustrations. He receives his first impressions from the larger and full page engravings, which of course must be considered of more Masonic importance than the small figures, scattered here and there in the body of the text. Perhaps the first which arrests his attention is the half page illustration in Mackey's Cyclopœdia, showing "the Arms of Freemasonry," and the figure containing the cherubim, ark, lion, ox, man and eagle, &c., and from the text he learns that this last is the Arms of the Grand Lodge of England. He inquires if any representations of this exists about the Lodge, and finds that such a thing was never heard of in "the blue Lodge," as it is now called, but finally discovers that it is only to be found in the Chapter, where it is a prominent representation. This shows him that the Chapter is a far more exalted body than the Lodge. He goes on, and before he gets through the book he finds eight full page illustrations of degree chambers, and fifty-three smaller engravings appertaining to Scottish Rite and Templar degrees, two full page and seventeen lesser engravings of Chapter matters, four of the Eastern Star, one full page illustration (ancient treatle board) and three small figures for the benefit of the Lodge of "Ancient Craft Masonry." As to the reading matter, it appears largely devoted to the magnifying of the so-called "high degrees."

The effect of all this is twofold; first, to direct his attention to the Orders which have grown up among the Craft, as being the only accessible sources of knowledge in Masonic mysteries and lore, and secondly, and still more unfortunately for Masonry, to divert his attention from the Lodge, and from any attempt to explore what it contains; and thus thousands of scholarly men who could and would have long ago brought many things to light in the Lodge, for the benefit of the Craft, after trying the Chapter, and perhaps some other organization, and finding nothing there which they had expected, nor any reason why there should be, have dropped the whole subject of Masonic research, and have taken little or no interest in the Lodge or any of the Orders outside of it.

The effect of all this is to sap and undermine the Lodge, and lower the esteem in which Masonry is held throughout the Fraternity. And the evil is one which tends at all times to propagate and increase itself. In proportion as "high degrees" are multiplied and find votaries, the newly entered in the Lodge have their attention diverted from what is to be found therein by proper observation and examination, and in like proportion loss of truly Masonic modes, and habits of thought prevail, and innovations and confusion are brought in.

At this time more than a hundred degrees, constituting over half a dozen rites, are claiming attention, each organization assuming that it has something valuable to impart; some from one source and some from another; while most of the time many of them are occupied with internal uproar over the authenticity of pretended documents purporting to have been issued by some self-assumed authority, as though it could make any difference in the value of their establishment, whether the original pronunciamentos were forged or not. Preposterous legends and astounding titles, with all the other "modern improvements" necessary to a high degree outfit, can be fabricated now with as little expense as at any former time, and made genuine, if that is any object, without difficulty. While all this is going on, some of the Grand Lodges are organizing Schools of Instruction, not schools to ascertain or teach what Masonry is and what it contains, but to teach the ritual. This is all well; the ritual is about all that is left to teach; and that is in a mutilated condition for want of knowing what the ritual is about. By all means let the ritual be taught until every Lodge shall have somebody in its ranks who can confer a Masonic degree with decency and dignity. But the way to preserve the ritual is to teach the Craft what it means. As soon as a Lodge can be made to understand what the work contains, they will be able to remember and recollect the form of it, and more than this, to correct former blunders, which now they cannot do, for they have no criterion to which they can resort.

It is because of the condition of things in the Lodges that Masonic writers appear to have so little idea of the character of Masonry. All the causes now at work to lower the character of the Craft Lodge, and inflate the "high degree" balloon, have not been without effect. The withdrawal of attention from the exploration of Masonry, where it can be found in the body of the *only* Lodge designed and constructed to contain it, and which alone *can* contain it, has left the most of our writers where the other members are, with no idea of Masonry other than a collection of ceremonies which excel those of other societies which claim what they call degrees. They do not understand that Masonry teaches anything *of its own*, nor that everything in the Lodge, and its work from beginning to end, is an indispensable part of the system. If they knew this some of them would go to work in the investigation of it. The belief mentioned above that there is something hidden in the complex of the work, though extremely vague and unsatisfactory, would prompt some research, if it were not for two hindrances. The first is a conviction that whatever it may have been once, the secret lore of the Craft has become hopelessly lost, for it is the common idea that it was committed to memory and tradition, and as it has passed from memory it is beyond recovery, except by something like a miracle. The second cause is, that they do not know that Masonry has for its object the demonstration and illustration of the divine order in the universe, in its three degrees, and that this was not left to memory or tradition, but to geometry and its kindred sciences, and the known physical structure and mental and moral constitution of man, and the physical structure of the universe, and other known truths and facts, by means of all which the entire system is so inwrought in the work, from beginning to end, that such parts as may be lost may be restored, as long as the knowledge of geometry and the other sciences involved, together with some considerable portion of the work, may remain.

It is for want of being informed on this subject that Masonry is so commonly regarded as a mere system of teaching by aid of symbols and oral instruction, and that whatever sublime truths were incorporated in it originally, the mode of setting them forth depended on memory and tradition, as well as on that which remains. This is, doubtless, the principal reason why so many are carried away by the notion of high degrees, and why great results from that source are expected: they supposing that if any hidden lore is ever to be revealed, it must be found in some memory of ancient knowledge preserved in some of those degrees by oral tradition or legend; they not being in a condition to reflect that if nothing can be found and verified in the Lodge itself "founded in geometry" it will be idle to seek for it in councils and divers other bodies which have nothing to do with order or geometry, but muster all the miscellaneous ceremonies they can to compose a rite, any two or ten degrees of which might change

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places with each other and all be as well arranged for most purposes as ever before. This is why we hear so much about the mythology and mysteries of the ancients, and about symbols and symbolism, as though these things taken by themselves amount to anything, or are more than every and all ritualistic societies are continually uttering. In this respect the "high degrees," and all other secret societies, are all on a level, and they can surpass the Craft Lodge, for they have more room for that sort of furniture or baggage as it might be called, which only serves to hide emptiness. If men really believe that there is anything not generally understood, which can be found in the Lodge, why do not they drop the ancient mysteries and symbolism hobbies and do more in stirring up the cobwebs in the Lodge? The Lodge is the only mystery which has come down to us; why not cultivate that a little, and give those which have so long ago "gone hence" a little rest in their sepulchres?—*Voice of Masonry.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THIS old and flourishing Lodge, which in spite of the many vicissitudes through which it passed in years gone by, is now in a more prosperous condition than ever since its foundation, held its installation meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday last, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Withers P.M. D.C. He was supported by Bros. H. Martin S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, E. Thring J.W., Charles Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Past Masters W. W. Morgan, F. J Hentsch, Usher Back, James Linsdell, T. H. Lavers, John Waters, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. H. Dean P.P.G. Deacon Dorset, A. Hart, J. Corkhill 701, Hardy 201, Glenny 530, Jennings 1580, Stevens P.M. 1627, Lockett 1436, Brock I.P.M. 145, Cross 586, Probert, Cant P.M. 1816, Everett 1507, F. Everett 1602, Collings Organist 1693, and others. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. Alfred Withers P.M., officiating in the room of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. T. H. Peirce, who had been summoned to Germany on important business, and the usual preliminaries having been observed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles James Dawson, proposed by Bro. H. Martin, and seconded by Bro. Percy J. Barr, and for Captain George Caleb Challen, whose sponsors were the same. Bro. H. Martin was then presented for the benefit of installation, and having assented to the responsibilities of office, a band of Installed Masters was constituted, and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably carried out by Bro. Withers, who executed his work to the admiration and satisfaction of all present. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Master was saluted with full honours, and he invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Peirce (named as) Immediate Past Master, Thring S.W., Dickson J.W., Greenwood P.M. Treasurer, Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Bennett S.D., Aires J.D., Linfield I.G., Green P.M. Steward, Withers P.M. D.C., Banks Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by the Installing Master with his accustomed ability, while those to the Wardens and Brethren were given by Brother Radcliffe P.M. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, showing that the Worshipful Master commences his year under the most favourable auspices, so far as the financial condition of the Lodge is concerned, there being a balance in hand of over £63. The report was unanimously received and adopted, and sums of ten guineas each were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and to the Royal Masonic Girls' School. Mr. Dawson and Capt. Challen were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working of the new Master being such as to produce a most favourable impression as to his capabilities for the office to which he had been elected. The usual Past Master's jewel had been voted to the retiring Worshipful Master, but in consequence of his unavoidable absence the presentation was postponed until the next meeting of the Lodge. At the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, which as is usual at this first class establishment was admirably served. At dessert, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed from the chair and enthusiastically received. The W.M. in proposing the Queen and the Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, spoke of the interest they manifested in the affairs of the Order; and next gave the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. The Grand Officers were not merely ornamental but working Masons, and they had an admirable specimen of them present that evening in the person of their excellent Treasurer Bro. Charles Greenwood P.P.G.S.W. Surrey. By the manner in which they received the toast let them show how highly they appreciated his services, not only as a Grand Officer, but also in his more intimate connection with the St. Michael's Lodge. The toast was received with every demonstration of welcome, and Brother Greenwood in the course of a brief reply, alluded to the deep and abiding interest which the Officers of Grand Lodge took in all matters appertaining to the Craft. It was a very proud moment to him when he was appointed a Grand Officer, and he thanked the brethren most sincerely for the manner in which they had expressed their appreciation of the honour that had been conferred upon him. Brother William W. Morgan Past Master, in the unavoidable absence of the Immediate Past Master, Brother Peirce, proposed the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master, and in doing so observed that Bro. Martin was an enthusiastic member of his Lodge, and from the day he entered it he had gathered around him a circle of appreciative friends. All who knew the efforts he had put forth to advance the interests of the Lodge felt proud of the position that Bro. Martin had been called upon to occupy, and would wish for him a most happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was received with special enthusiasm, and in response Bro. Martin thanked the brethren most heartily for the way in which the mention of his name had been welcomed by all present. Since he had been a member of this Lodge he had found in it many men whom he was proud to number as his best friends, and it would be his constant endeavour during his year of office to deserve their confidence and esteem. He hoped that the interests of the Lodge would not suffer at his hands, and again he thanked them most sincerely for the great honour which had been conferred upon him, and promised that he should do all in his power to sustain the position which the St. Michael's Lodge had so long enjoyed. He then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Initiates. He could scarcely tell them the pleasure it afforded him to propose two of his personal friends as members of this Lodge. He had known them intimately for many years, and considered them eminently fit and proper persons to become members of the Masonic Fraternity. He had every confidence that they would become worthy members of the St. Michael's Lodge. Bro. Dawson thanked the brethren sincerely for having admitted him as a member of their honourable institution. It was a proud moment in his life to see the light of Freemasonry, and he should do his utmost to prove himself, as the Worshipful Master had hoped, a worthy and useful member of the Lodge. Bro. Capt. Challen also suitably responded, and said his initiatory night in Freemasonry would never be effaced from his memory. He was deeply impressed by the ceremony he had witnessed that day, and esteemed it a great privilege to have been admitted into the mysteries of the Craft. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of the Visitors, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see so goodly an array on the present occasion, and he assured each and all of them of a most hearty and cordial welcome. He trusted this might not be the last occasion on which they should meet, and if only the Visitors were as pleased as the members of the Lodge were satisfied to see them, he (the speaker) should be most gratified. Bro. W. H. Dean P.P.G.D. Dorset thanked the Worshipful Master most sincerely for the manner in which he had proposed the health of the Visitors. It had been an extreme pleasure to him to have attended this Lodge, for he had heard a great deal of the St. Michael's, and he had been perfectly charmed with the work that he had witnessed that day. He considered the various ceremonies had been performed in a highly creditable manner, and having had the pleasure of visiting many Lodges he considered the St. Michael's working to be, in his humble judgment, perfect. With regard to the installation ceremony, it was everything that could be desired, and he thanked them for the very great pleasure which their invitation had afforded him, and for the hearty reception which had been accorded to the Visitors generally. Bros. Brock, Stevens, S. Glenny, Hart, Jennings, and F. Everett also responded, each paying a deserved tribute to the St. Michael's Lodge for the excellence of its working and the abundant hospitality it extended to the Visitors. The W.M. in proposing the Past Masters, congratulated the Lodge upon the noble array they had of veterans who came regularly amongst them and took an active interest in the Lodge. He referred with gratitude to the assistance he had received from Past Masters Greenwood, Back, Withers, Morgan, and Radcliffe; all were most able and zealous Past Masters, and he hoped they might long be spared to see the Lodge prosper in the future as it had done in the past. Brother A. Green returned thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed, and said in this old Lodge the members one and all endeavoured cheerfully to perform their duty and to advance the prosperity of the Lodge. It was a great pleasure to him to see one of his children occupying the chair, and he looked upon Brother Martin as one of their greatest lights in the Lodge. The W.M. in proposing the Masonic Charities spoke of the pride and interest which had always been manifested in the Masonic Institutions by the members of the St. Michael's Lodge. They did not go through the world without meeting with people who sneered at Freemasonry, but Masons were always able to point with pride to their Charities, which exercised so vast and beneficent an influence over those for whose benefit they were designed. There was nothing in the world to be compared with them. He regretted the absence of Bro. Terry, the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but he had been summoned elsewhere, in connection with important duties in his Mother Lodge, otherwise he would have been present to-night to plead the claims of the Charity with which he was most intimately connected. He reminded the brethren that he had decided to go up as a Steward at the next Festival for the Old People, and he trusted the brethren would enable him to take up a list which should be a credit to the St. Michael's Lodge. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan who, in the absence of Bro. Terry, said he felt it an honour to speak on behalf of the Masonic Charities. In the words of the song they had just heard so beautifully rendered—"There's no place like home;" but amongst the members of the Craft there were some who scarcely recognised what home was, in their decline of life. Here Masonry slipped in and provided home and comforts for many who in the evening of life had been overtaken by adversity. At the present moment they had on the funds of the Benevolent Institution—for which their Worshipful Master had accepted a Stewardship—over 200 widows, who each received £32 a year, and over 190 old Masons who in their day had done good suit and service to the Craft, and who were now each in receipt of an annuity of £40 per annum. But, however prosperous the members of the Lodge might now appear to be, there was a dark side to every picture, and none of them knew how soon they too might be overtaken with similar misfortune. They were now all smiling and happy together, and giving liberally of

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their means towards the Charities, and he earnestly appealed to them to make every effort to continue that support which the St. Michael's Lodge had consistently accorded hitherto to the Institutions. Bro. Greenwood, their esteemed Treasurer, was going up as a Steward for the Girls' School, at the Festival over which Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.M. for Surrey, had kindly consented to preside. Now, Bro. Brownrigg was well known to the members of this Lodge; had visited them on a previous occasion; moreover, he was a Mason beloved by every brother in his Province. All would doubtless support Bro. Greenwood, who was a Past Provincial G.S. Warden of Surrey, and had served as Provincial Grand Secretary there for many years. Such was the esteem in which he was held, that he (the speaker) felt the brethren would support his list to the best of their ability. Bro. Morgan then reminded the brethren they had one old member of their Lodge on the Funds of the Benevolent Institution, who in his day had subscribed as liberally as any of those now present were doing to the funds of the Institutions, and even now an appeal was being made on behalf of another brother for the benefits of the same Charity. These were the dark sides to the picture to which he had alluded, and he pointed to the possibility of each or any of them some day coming under the bitter sting of adversity. The Girls' Institution at the present time maintained, clothed, and educated 237 pupils, whilst 240 boys were similarly cared for at Wood Green. Brother Martin the Worshipful Master had already told them he should represent the Lodge as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he (the speaker) had just received an intimation that Brother C. Greenwood jun. was to act as Steward for the Boys' School. It was very gratifying to be able to have these three active brethren to represent the St. Michael's Lodge at the forthcoming Festivals, and he had no doubt whatever that each would be well supported. In conclusion Bro. Morgan delivered an earnest appeal on behalf of the Institutions generally. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he said they could not place too high a value upon the services of Bro. Chas. Greenwood as Treasurer of the Lodge for many years. Had not always found the position of the Lodge so prosperous as it was at the present time. There had been times when there were no funds in the Lodge, whereas now there was happily a balance in hand. With regard to their Secretary, who was also an initiate in this Lodge, he ably discharges his duties, in whatever capacity he is called upon to act, and his services were fully recognised by every member of the Lodge. Bro. Greenwood, after thanking the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, said he felt proud of the position he filled as Treasurer of the St. Michael's Lodge. During the many years he had filled that office he had seen the Lodge in prosperity and adversity, but he had never seen it more flourishing than he was happy to report it was at the present time. At one period he might have been justified in asking the brethren for security for any advance that he was compelled to make on behalf of the Lodge. Now things were changed, and the members might be justified in asking him for security as their custodian. He trusted he might be spared many years to come amongst them, and he should only be too pleased to act as their Treasurer so long as confidence was reposed in him as at present. Bro. W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary also responded in suitable terms, and compliments having been passed to the Officers, and acknowledged, the official list was closed by the Tyler. The proceedings of the evening were diversified by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. J. A. Collings, assisted by Madame Ernst, Madame Pauline Featherby-Capel, Bros. John Probert and Henry Cross, a judiciously selected programme contributing materially to the enjoyment of the numerous company of guests.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 923.

AT the monthly communication of this Lodge on Monday, the 1st inst., at Petersfield, the following Officers were installed:—Bros. W. Smoker W.M., E. Navler I.P.M., R. Pocock S.W., C. Wells J.W., W. B. Edgeler P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Treas., T. Caparn Sec., G. Pearson S.D., F. Duddy J.D., M. P. Creedon P.M. D. of C., H. H. Atkinson-Grimshaw Asst. D. of C., J. J. Bettle Organist, H. V. Hann I.G., R. H. Jacks and T. J. Cremack Stewards, C. Knight Tyler. The members afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the large room of the Red Lion Hotel, where an excellent spread was provided by Host Pay. There were several visiting brethren present, including Bros. Edgar Goble P.G.S., J. Palmer S.W. W.M. elect 2068, F. Sanders W.M. 342, and others. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was concluded at seven o'clock.

STRANGEWAYS LODGE, No. 1219.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, King-street, Manchester, when the company numbered about fifty members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. W. Appleby, the retiring Worshipful Master. Lodge having been opened in form, Bro. Will's was presented as W.M. elect, and he was subsequently installed in the chair by Bro. W. T. Schofield P.M. He invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. W. Appleby I.P.M., Henry R. Slatter S.W., W. B. Russell J.W., W. T. Schofield P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Dawson P.M. Assistant P.G.D.C. Secretary, W. Williams S.D., Robert Hughes J.D., Charles J. Schofield P.M. D.C., R. D. Callison I.G., J. W. Callison, Donald A. Murray, and John L. Savage Stewards; P. H. Nicholls Tyler. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and after the transaction of some routine business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. The Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, after which the W.M. gave the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. G. Mellor, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. Bros. Dawson P.M. and Andrews P.M. each acknowledged the toast, in suitable terms. Bro. Andrews then gave the newly-installed Worshipful Master of the Strangeways Lodge, the toast being enthusiastically received, and responded to by Bro. Willis, whose admirable working and the interest he has evinced in the welfare of the Lodge have been abundantly recognised by all the brethren. Brother Dawson next proposed the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, and after making reference to the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office, presented him, on behalf of the brethren, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered. The toast and jewel was acknowledged by Bro. Appleby, after which the W.M. welcomed the Visiting Brethren, and Bro. Schofield proposed the Masonic Charities, for which toast Bro. Andrews replied. The health of the Officers having been given and duly responded to, the toast of the Installing Master was honoured, and acknowledged by Bro. Schofield, the list being concluded by the Tyler. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing and recitations, amongst those who contributed being Bros. Owles, Jupp, North, Greenwood, Howell, Hinde, and others. A most agreeable evening was passed.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 4th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, when there were present Bros. H. Baber W.M., W. H. Ransom S.W., C. Tarry J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, Hugh M. Hobbs Secretary, F. T. Ridpath S.D., J. Kilvington J.D., W. Horton D.C., W. Best Steward, Wm. Lane Tyler, F. C. Pascall P.M.; Bros. C. Daniel P.M. 69, Fleming, Hornail, Chamberlain, S. Clark, Mason, Wilson, Dr. Klein, Potter, Greenfield, Blogg, Griffin, Shakespeare, Phelps, J. Clarke. Visitors—Bros. J. D. Langton W.M. 2096, Byron H. Ridge P.M. 1463 P.P.G.A.D.C. Surrey, Maitland, H. Dicker W.M. 1470, W. Pile P.M. 1892, W. G. Oates 2096, F. Webster 47. After the business of the Lodge had been completed, which consisted of initiating Mr. Phillips into Freemasonry and passing Bro. Wilson, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. During the evening the interesting ceremony took place of presenting to the Lodge the portrait of Bro. Wm. Foulsham P.M. Treas. P.P.J.W. Northumberland 30°. On unveiling the portrait the W.M., in complimentary terms, referred to the great service rendered to the Lodge by Brother Foulsham, and then called on the Secretary to read the following address:—

Worshipful Sir,—We, the undersigned members of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, of Free and Accepted Masons, have long desired that a lasting memento of yourself should be possessed by the Lodge and handed down to posterity. You having been the principal Founder of the Lodge and its first W.M., we are confident that your name will ever be mentioned in the Lodge with the same regard and affection it has always received from those who esteem you for your talents as a Mason and your qualities as a man, but we are anxious that when time with us shall be no more, the brethren may still have a lasting reminder of the distinguished brother who did so much, with unfailing zeal, for the Old England Lodge, and to whom it owes its very existence. With this object in view we have had a portrait of yourself painted, which we now beg to present to the Lodge. And we pray the Great Architect of the Universe that you may long be spared, in health and strength, to witness the continued prosperity of the Lodge in which you have always taken so great an interest, and to give the brethren your valuable advice and assistance. Bro. Foulsham returned thanks in suitable terms, and assured the brethren that he should always do everything in his power to promote the prosperity of this the fifth Lodge that he had been the means of founding during his long Masonic career. The Visitors expressed the pleasure it had been to them to be present on this interesting occasion, and the meeting concluded with the Tyler's toast. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. M. H. Dicker W.M. and Bros. Shakespeare, Kilvington, Ridpath and Griffin.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THIS young and flourishing Lodge held an emergency meeting at the Café Royal, Air Street, Regent Street, W., for the purpose of passing, raising, and initiating candidates. The chair was taken at 5·30 punctually by the W.M. Bro. H. W. Gasperd, assisted by Bros. R. A. Kingsbury S.W., F. B. Fuld J.W., D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, J. T. Miller S.D., J. Lancaster J.D., J. Levy I.G., H. Moss Steward, I. Quinsey I.P.M., H. Aarons P.M., C. Ochse P.M.; Bros. A. H. Marks, Joseph Von Praagh, Charles Benjamin, Isaac Kool, F. G. Brown, and several other members. Visitors—Bros. G Sauth, Kilwinning 19, F. Schofield 1178, J. Wynman 188. The ordinary business having been gone through, Bro. Von Praagh was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. Kool, Benjamin, and Marks were passed, and Mr. Alfred Foster Gasperd (brother of the W.M.), Mr. Phillip Albert Hahn, and Mr. John Nash were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. All the ceremonies were conducted by the W.M. in a most creditable, praiseworthy, and impressive manner. It was proposed and seconded that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of Bro. P.M. Lovey; this was unanimously agreed to. In token of respect to the memory of this brother the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Several candidates were proposed and seconded; they will be balloted for at the next meeting. Other business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed with the hearty good wishes of the visitors. The brethren then proceeded to partake of a sumptuous banquet. After full

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honours had been given to the toasts of the Queen and the Craft and the Royal Family, the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiates; by the strict attention they had paid to the ceremonies that evening there was no doubt they would prove themselves worthy Masons The W.M. also remarked that as a young Master he appreciated the priviledge of initiating his own brother. He trusted he might prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. In reply, the first initiate—Bro. A. F. Gasperd—sincerely thanked the brethren for the kindness of their reception. He congratulated himself on being initiated by his own brother. He would do his best to gain that friendship and brotherly love that his brother had already secured. Bros. Hahn and Nash also made suitable replies. Bro. Loewenstark, as the first W.M. of this Lodge, was pleased to propose the health of the W.M.; might his future career be as successful as on that evening. The W.M. in responding said that it required some amount of moral courage to essay the responsibilities of the chair; but thanks to his Wardens and Deacons the work had gone smoothly along. He hoped that each of them would occupy the chair, and that there would be plenty of work to do for him as well as for them. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Past Masters, and as the time was short he would associate the Officers with the toast. Bro. Aarons P.M. responded in his usual eloquent manner; he was followed by Bro. Loewenstark P.M.; Bro. Kingsbury S.W. then spoke in most admirable terms of the departed brother whose loss the Lodge was now mourning. The health of the Visitors was the next toast, and after several had replied the Worshipful Master proposed prosperity to the Press, coupled with the name of Bro. Wynman, as representative of the *Freemason's Chronicle*, who acknowledged the compliment. Bros. Benjamin Moss and others favoured the company with songs during the evening. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

BRIXTON LODGE, No. 1949.

THE installation meeting of this young, but sound and flourishing Lodge, was held on Saturday evening last, at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, when there was a goodly muster of brethren and Visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Baldwin, Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex, the retiring Worshipful Master. He was supported on the occasion by Bros. W. E. Farrington I.P.M., C. G. S. Kipling S.W., R. Poore J.W. and W.M. elect, W. Kirkland P.M. Treasurer, Henry Lovegrove P.M. Secretary, C. Axford S.D., E. Newby J.D., A. Albert I.G., R. Evans D.C., A. Jones Steward, T. Poore P.M. 1720, J. D. Sprague, C. J. Dore, W. R. Palmer, R. Potter Tyler, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Stevens P.M. 1426, Crainb 1669, Phillips 1986, Powles 1907, Watts, Moses 1201, Lucas 1521, Butler 243, Mills, Guest, Wallis, Smith 857, Lee, Tarr, Mayer 1693, Vernon 1101, &c. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, the minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was then opened for Mr. J. Bott, who had been proposed by Bro. Poore, and seconded by the Worshipful Master, and for Bro. Isaac White, whose sponsors were Bro. Kirkland and the W.M. elect. In each instance the voting was unanimously in favour, and the two candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master, whose working was eminently satisfactory. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial condition, was then submitted and approved, and Lodge having been advanced to the second degree, Bro. R. Poore was presented for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the impressive ceremony was duly performed by the retiring Master, in a manner that afforded a considerable amount of gratification to all present. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Henry Baldwin I.P.M., Day S.W., Axford J.W., Kirkland P.M. Treasurer, Lovegrove P.M. Secretary, Newby S.D., Albert J.D., Read P.M. Organist, Evans I.G., Jones D.C., Dore Almoner, Sprague and Palmer Stewards, Potter P.M. Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered with elocutionary effect by Bro. T. Poore P.M., father of the Worshipful Master, and subsequently a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. Baldwin, in recognition of the able and zealous manner in which he had filled the chair during the past year, and of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge. On the reverse side of the jewel was the inscription:

Presented to Bro. Henry Baldwin P.M., P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, as a mark of esteem for his efficiency as Worshipful Master and installing his successor in the chair of K.S., February 6th, 1886. Brixton Lodge, No. 1949.

The compliment was duly acknowledged by the Immediate Past Master, who thanked the brethren for the gift, and the kindly motives by which it had been prompted, and assured them of his continued efforts to sustain and increase the welfare of the Brixton Lodge. After the transaction of some other business, Lodge was closed amidst hearty good wishes, and the brethren adjourned for the banquet, which was served in sumptuous style by Mr. Inglis, of Bell-yard, Temple Bar, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the company elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, expressed his intention of being brief with the remarks he might feel called upon to make in connection with the toasts, in consequence of the work having been somewhat protracted. He was sure, however, that the toast which always came first upon their list on occasions like the present would be received with loyal enthusiasm. He next proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, in doing which he said they had much to be proud of as a body of men in having such a ruler to preside over the Craft. His Royal Highness was a good man and Mason, and took a most active interest in all that appertained to Freemasonry. The toast was cordially received, and was followed by that of the R.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The Immediate Past Master then assumed the gavel, and in felicitous terms proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, in doing which he said that was the toast par excellence of the evening. They could imagine what pleasure it afforded him to see Bro. Poore in the honourable position he now occupied, seeing that he was the first initiate of the Brixton Lodge, and which he entered as a Lewis by special privilege granted to him by Grand Lodge. He felt that Bro. Poore did great credit to his father in Freemasonry, and that during his year of office he would do credit to the Lodge and give every satisfaction to the brethren generally. From what they had seen of his working, they could look forward with confidence that the affairs of the Brixton Lodge would be ably and zealously administered by their newly-installed Worshipful Master, however much might be thrust upon him. He congratulated the brethren upon the wisdom of their choice, and expressed his belief that he would do the work to the credit of himself and satisfaction of the Lodge. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren sincerely for their very great kindness in electing him to the chair of the Brixton Lodge. He should endeavour to deserve the kindly wishes which had been expressed towards him, and he assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to discharge his duties with fervency and zeal, and to uphold the excellent character for working that had already been gained by the Lodge. He trusted that success might attend his year of office, and that the harmony and good feeling which now subsisted amongst the whole of the brethren might long continue to prevail. He then proposed the Initiates, and in doing so observed that it was with much pleasure he witnessed the introduction of two such worthy brethren as Bros. Bott and White. Whilst they were pleased to see an infusion of fresh blood into the Lodge, it was an additional satisfaction to find men of such excellence coming amongst them. The initiates responded briefly, both returning thanks for their admission into the ancient and honourable Institution, and expressing their hope that they should become worthy members of the Craft. The Worshipful Master next gave the Installing Master and Immediate Past Master, Bro. Baldwin, to whom he said the utmost credit was due for the manner in which he had discharged his onerous and difficult duties that day. He did not think the installation ceremony could be better or more efficiently carried out than it had been by Bro. Baldwin on that occasion—a remark that was cordially endorsed by the brethren present. He had fulfilled the duties of the chair during his year of office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge, and he (the speaker) should try and emulate the excellent example which had been set before him by his predecessor. The Immediate Past Master thanked the brethren sincerely for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and assured them he was deeply sensible of the kind terms in which it had been proposed by their excellent Worshipful Master. It had afforded him much pleasure to see Bro. Poore work up to the chair, and it was doubly pleasing to him to instal him into that position that day. Many brethren had asked him how it was that Bro. Poore had come forward so rapidly, having entered the Lodge as a Lewis, but the reason lay in the fact that he was possessed of foresight and discernment in Freemasonry; and he was sure the same qualities would enable him in the future to make still further advances in the art. He (the speaker) should have great pleasure in assisting their Worshipful Master in the government of the Lodge, and hoped he might live many years to carry on the work he had so well begun. Bros. Powles of the Selwyn Lodge, Lucas of the Royal Leopold, and James Stevens P.M. 1426 severally responded for the Visitors, the latter paying a high tribute to the Masonic qualifications of the W.M. and his respected father, whom he was delighted to meet on this auspicious occasion. Bro. T. Poore also responded, in a few happily-chosen sentences, expressing confidence in the skill and assiduity of his son, who now occupied the honourable position of being Master of the Lodge, and ahoped that, at the expiration of his year of office, he would instal his successor. The health of the Past Masters came next, and Bro. Lovegrove acknowledged the compliment paid them in graceful terms, and subsequently the Officers were proposed, and response given, the list being brought to a fitting close by the Tyler. During the evening some excellent singing and recitations varied the speeches, and the *réunion* was one of a most enjoyable description.

The Centennial of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, was celebrated at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., this (Friday) evening. The meeting was a most successful one, and was attended by 101 members of the Lodge and 113 visitors.

The Queen's (Westminster) Lodge of Instruction is held at 79 Ebury Street, S.W., on Wednesday evenings, at 7.45. Bro. G. Coop S.W. 141, 1612, Secretary 2021, S.N. 1604, is the Preceptor; Bro. C. P. Bellerby 1612, J.W. 2021, Chapter 1601, is the Secretary; and Brother C. Kempton P.M. 1287 the Treasurer. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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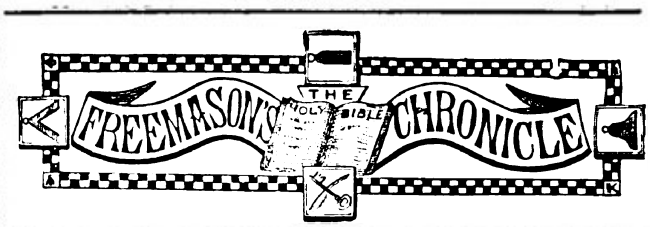

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THIS Grand Chapter was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at Basingstoke. Among those present were:—Companions W. W. B. Beach, M.P., J. E. Le Feuvre, E. Goble, Lord John Taylour, I. Hall, R. J. Rastrick, W. Rix, P. H. Emanuel, S. I. Hitching, T. Gowers, Irons, W. Smith, W. Bowyer, S. J. Tilling, J. Wallingford, J. Dew, E. Nepean, W. M. Outridge, A. A. Headley, W. H. Jacob, William Miller, J. Robertson, J. Horton, Berry, A. Algar, J. Waters, R. Glaspool, J. W. Gieve, A. Portsmouth, G. Lear, F. Newman, G. Payne, J. Pantis, J. Brickwood, W. Dart, J. Scott Ramsey, F. W. Thoyts, C. F. Simmons, W. Parsons, and H. J. Thatcher. The Officers appointed were:—

Comp. Le Feuvre	-	H.
F. Thoyts	-	J.
E. Goble	-	S.E.
J. Cole	-	S.N.
Lord J. Taylour	-	Principal Sojourner
J. H. Askham	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
W. H. Jacob	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
R. J. Rastrick	-	Treasurer
W. M. Outridge	-	Registrar
W. Dart	-	Sword Bearer
W. Berry	-	Standard Bearer
W. Waters	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. W. Downing	-	Organist.

The sum of thirty guineas was voted towards the three Masonic Charities.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE Companions held their meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on 1st inst. Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z., J. Da Silva H., J. W. Dewsnap J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., A. Henochsberg M.E.Z. L. Lazarus P.Z., H. P. Isaac P.Z., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, S. M. Lazarus P.Z., H. J. Phillips P.S., J. Wyeman, H. Van Stavern, Rev. M. Haines, J. Lichtenfeld, L. Kool, J. Meyer, S. Genese, M. Munday, M. Franks, Joseph Davis, S. Jewell, and several others. Chapter was

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opened in form, and after the minutes had been confirmed, it was resolved that the bye-laws should be revised. Comps. Joseph Davis, S. Jewell, and T. Meyer were elected to do this. It was proposed by Comp. Henochsberg, and seconded by Comp. L. Lazarus, that a jewel should be presented to Comp. Emanuel, for his admirable services as S.E.; this was unanimously agreed to and duly acknowledged. The following Officers were invested for the year :—Comps. J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., L. Meyers S.N., H. G. Phillips P.S., Gartley 1st A.S., Liebmann 2nd A.S. After business the Chapter was closed, and a sumptuous banquet was provided, when the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were proposed and responded to. The next meeting will take place on the last Monday in March.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THE annual election meeting of this strong Chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe Street, York, on the 27th ultimo. Amongst those present were Comps. Whytehead P.Z. M.E.Z., Rooke H., Sykes Rymer J., Todd P.Z. Treasurer, Purnell as S.E., Foster S.N., Kirby P.S., Simpson Z. 1611, and about twenty-five other Companions and Visitors. Brother Atkinson, an accepted candidate, was exalted by the M.E.Z., after which the election of Officers took place, with the following result :—Comps. Rooke M.E.Z., Sykes Rymer H., Kirby J., Todd P.Z. Treasurer, Garbutt S.E., Barker S.N., and Fairburn P.S. After the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper under the presidency of the M.E.Z., when the usual toast were honoured, the health of the newly elected Officers was drank, and some excellent songs were given.

CONSECRATION OF THE EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 1042.

A LARGE gathering of Royal Arch Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Thursday, 28th ult., to assist in the consecration of the Excelsior Chapter 1042. Although the Excelsior Lodge has just celebrated its twenty-first anniversary, unavoidable circumstances prevented a Chapter being attached heretofore. At the request of the M.E. Grand Supt. of West Yorks, Comp. T. W. Tew, the ceremony was performed by E. Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z. 304 P.P.G.H., and in the presence of the following Companions :—Comps. J. Barker P.Z. 258 as Prov. G.H., W. Gaukroger P.Z. 61 Prov. G.J., Henry Smith P.Z. 302 Prov. G.S.E., A Williamson 289 as Prov. S.N., W. F. Tomlinson P.Z. 304 Prov. G. Prin. Soj., A. Austin P.Z. 306 Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj., W. W. Macvay P.Z. 495 Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj., G. Marshall P.Z. 521 Prov. G. Treas., Rev. W. C. Lukis P.Z. 839 as Chaplain, R. Williamson 521 as Prov. G. Reg., J. B. Hargreaves Z. 304 as Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. Watson P.Z. 304 as Prov. G. 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Grand Superintendent, read the following address :—Allow me, in the first place, to congratulate "Excelsior" that, as a further way of celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the consecration of their Lodge, they have wisely decided to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached thereto, and also that they have resolved to ask our worthy Companion Dr. Smyth to be their first Principal. I congratulate you heartily, Companions, upon your choice. When we consider the great services of Dr. Smyth, how, before many of those now present were born, he was fighting our battles for us, defending our Order against the attacks of our opponents, one and all may rejoice to see him about to occupy the position to which he is about to be installed. It is not often that a new Chapter has the opportunity of having a Companion to preside over it who can look back to a Masonic career extending over forty years. The words "to survive the wreck of mighty empires and to resist the destroying hand of time," are familiar to all of us, but do we thoroughly realise their meaning? I will not stay to discuss the vexed question of antiquity, yet even glancing over the last two or three hundred years, what do we find? Our Order steadily pursuing its way. We see the rise and fall of nations, we see great changes taking place, one kingdom absorbing several; in our own land what great social changes have taken place, and are still taking place, yet our Order remaineth the same. Without we have strife and bitterness; religions and political discussions and heartburnings, these we leave behind; we step past the portals of our Lodges and Chapters, we find harmony; we leave doubts and disputations, we find brotherly love; without all is ringing with the sound of war, within all is peace. Go abroad; we find in our own Empire of India, where we are gradually overthrowing the rulers of that vast country, that Masonry has existed there from ancient days. Your own First Principal nominate, Dr. Smyth, relates when a friend of his (Colonel Abercrombie, of the Bengal Artillery) was visiting Mattra, an ancient city thirty-six miles from Agra, in 1853, his carriage was stopped, and calling him aside, he was asked if he was not a member of a "Gadu Ghar," a House of Enchantment, as the natives styled Masonic Lodges. On replying in the affirmative, to his astonishment the Hindoo saluted him as an Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, informing him that his countrymen from time immemorial had kept up the knowledge of the three degrees, but nothing beyond them. "You," he proceeded to say, "profess to have something more, of which we are ignorant." We find the Sheiks of Arabia extending the right hand of friendship to a foreigner, because he is a Mason. We find the Kaffirs of Africa in possession of an ancient ritual, but only one degree, handed down to them from time immemorial. When our countrymen are driven out by stress of circumstances or love of adventure, we find the Order already in the land of their choice to greet them. What is this mysterious bond of union and of friendship? What is it that knits all men together in this great bond of Brotherhood? Is it the love of eating and drinking? I trow not. Nay, it is something higher and nobler; something of a loftier character; it is the dignity, the grandeur of our Order, founded on the sublime basis of virtue, nay, even on the sacred name of the Great God himself, the Ruler and Governor of all. This is why that, amidst all the great changes going on around us, our Order can "resist the destroying hand of time," has afforded consolation to many in the time that is past, and we trust to many in years to come. Comp. Mason concluded by giving a short explanation of the Royal Arch jewel. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Consecrating Principal being ably assisted by E. Comp. Rev. W. C. Lukis, acting as Chaplain, E. Comp. Green, acting as Prov. G.D.C., and Bro. Carr acting as Organist, the whole being rendered in an able and impressive manner. The three Principals nominate, Comps. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z. Z., S Stead P.Z. H., and Thos. Tyers J., were then installed into their respective chairs, the ceremony being curtailed, owing to the Companions having all previously occupied similar chairs in other Chapters. The M.E.Z. then invested Comp. W.M. Tyers as S.E., Heathwaite as S.N., Cowborough as Treasurer, Bingham as P.S., Flockton and Calverley as A.S., Barrand Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Consecrating Companion, and several brethren proposed for exaltation, after which the Chapter was closed. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where refreshment was served.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

ON the 2nd instant, the installation meeting of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when the Principals for the year were installed in their chairs, the ceremonies being performed by Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. Prov. G.H. The following are the present Officers :—Comps. Simpson P.Z. M.E.Z., Millington H., Blenkin J., Kay S.E., Chapman S.N., Rev. R. Blakeney Treasurer, Brown P.S., Whytehead P.Z. D.C., and Pearson Janitor. There were also present Comps. Padel P.Z., Seller P.Z., and several other members and visitors. There were three names of candidates on the summons; but none were able to be present, and therefore, after an explanation of the pedestals, &c., by Comp. Whytehead, and the report of the Auditors, which showed a handsome balance in hand, the Chapter was closed, and the members retired to supper, and spent a pleasant evening under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

The regular monthly Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. W Roebuck in the chair. Among those present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, L. Ruff, Stephen Richardson, George Cooper, G. P. Gillard, Edgar Bowyer, G. Haldane, Controller S. G. Blake, J. L. Mather, J. Moon, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., F. Adlard, J. G. Stevens, T. Hastings Miller, A. E. Gladwell, T. Cubitt P.G.P., Charles Belton, W. Maple, A. F. Godson, Richard Eve, and F. Binckes P.G. Stwd. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee and Quarterly Court read for information, the reports of the Audit and Finance Committee were submitted and accepted. The Committee approved of one of the Boys elected in October last being educated out of the School, and agreed that the usual allowance should be paid on his behalf; they then considered the petitions of four boys, whose names were directed to be placed on the list of candidates for the October election.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. Murlis, Hogard, Wilson, Newton, Bolton, Bulmer, Daniell, Freeman, Webb, Dr. Hogg, Cubitt, Jas. Willing jun., and James Terry Secretary. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of two male annuitants, and also one of the female candidates (Mrs. Scott). The Warden's report was read. The Committee next considered the question of vacancies to be filled at the election in May, when it was shown that there were twelve male and six female annuitants available; these with the deferred candidates on each fund, would make the numbers to be elected fifteen men and nine widows, from approved lists of fifty-eight of the former, and seventy-one of the latter. After other business, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman.

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THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE."

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Official Calendar of the Craft, issued by the Grand Lodge for the present year, I again find the following recorded amongst the "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry:" "Bro. William Preston of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the illustrations of Masonry, bequeathed amongst other Masonic gifts £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture." For some years these lectures were regularly delivered in the different degrees, and were very intently listened to, the last time I believe the lecture was delivered by Bro. Henry George Warren of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 178, and some other Lodges, but that was many years ago, and since then nothing has been heard of it. I think, therefore, it would be interesting to the Craft in general, and to old Masons in particular, to know how it is that this legacy to posterity, given by so distinguished a brother, has been allowed to lapse, and further, as the £300 Consols must in the past years have accumulated a large amount of interest, what has become of it, by whom is it received, and to what purpose, if any, it is applied. I certainly am of opinion that some explanation ought to be given by whoever is able to supply it, as to the reason why the lecture is not now given, and who are the recipients of the interest accruing upon the Stock invested for the purpose. I am not aware whether payment was ever made to those brethren by whom the lecture was delivered, most assuredly I feel certain that Bro. Warren would have felt insulted if payment had been offered to him for such a service, and that being so some information ought to be afforded how and to what purpose the interest of the money is applied.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

1st February 1886. P.M.

APPEAL FOR EMPLOYMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Might I kindly solicit your aid in appealing, through the columns of your paper, to such of the Brethren as are employers of labour, with the view of possibly obtaining some kind of employment quickly. I am now in very straitened circumstances, and to make matters worse my wife is near her confinement. I would not mind in the least how subordinate the position, or even if it should be a temporary one, if only I could succeed in obtaining something to do quickly—to tide over my present difficulties. If you can, through the medium of the Chronicle, assist me in any way to gratify this wish, believe me I shall be extremely thankful.

Your faithfully and fraternally,

P.D.

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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a frequent attendant at Masonic meetings, I should like to ask you who is responsible for the hats, coats, and umbrellas which are deposited by brethren during the holding of a meeting? There is usually some qualified person "somewhere about," whose duty it is to take care of these articles; but I, and doubtless many others, have an unfortunate experience of the manner in which they perform their duties. They are no doubt called away to attend to other matters, and in their absence there is no knowing what may happen. I do not say that brethren wilfully upset the order in which things have been left, or that the good intentions of those who re-arrange the different articles, "so as to put them all on view," is capable of a different construction, but I do object to find everything moved from the place in which it was left, especially when it does not "come right in the end." Some months since I was present at a meeting where "during our temporary absence" everything had been upset by a brother, as I was told, who had mislaid his apron case). I lost my umbrella on that occasion, and although it has since been restored to me, I do not think that lessens the evil of which I complain. Some weeks after the loss of my umbrella my hat came to grief—the second time during my Masonic experience—and it was only after a long search that I was enabled to discover my property. The hats had gone wrong on this occasion, so I heard it said, as the result—would you believe it?—of a brother's idea of a joke being to mix up the head gear of the brethren at the banquet. This accusation of practical joking was made in the presence of the brother implicated, and as he made no attempt to contradict the statement, it was I suppose correct. I was within an easy distance of home on this latter occasion, and so did not lose anything beyond my time and temper in searching for my property, but who would have been responsible had it been otherwise?

Yours fraternally,

AN ANTI-JOKER.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Haymarket.—"A Woman of the World" is the title of a three act comedy by Mr. B. C. Stephenson (author of "Impulse"), that was presented to the public here, on Thursday afternoon, the 4th instant. Although received by those present with every sign of encouragement, we fear the same result will not be achieved if the piece is submitted to the test of being placed in the evening bill. Undoubtedly, the work contains some clever dialogue, some humorously drawn characters, and some amusing incidents, yet it does not contain sufficient novelty, nor will it evoke sympathetic interest enough to secure the favour of the general public. "A Woman of the World" is founded on the German play "Der Probepfeil," by Oscar Blumenthal, but Mr. Stephenson will scarcely be recouped for the pains he has taken in its adaptation. A widow—"the woman of the world"—has made up her mind to marry a certain Sir Godfrey Chalmers, a youthful guardsman, he at the same time having become infatuated with her. But—the old story—all goes not smoothly; Godfrey's uncle, Dudley Chalmers, has set his heart on a match between his nephew and Beatrice Norton, the daughter of a friend. This young lady, who is musical, is attracted by a German adventurer, named Slowitz, who devises to secure her hand on account of her reputed wealth. A Mrs. Mandeville, to further ends of her own, encourages and assists this scoundrel in his design; but in the end Slowitz is proved to be an impostor, by Dudley Chalmers, who opens the eyes of Beatrice and Godfrey to the true state of their hearts. The construction, however, is clumsy. At the opening of the piece everybody can see how it will end, and but little sympathy is shown when the happy termination is brought about. With regard to the artistes engaged, first honours must be given to Mr. Beerbohm Tree, whose humorous caricature of a foreign musical impostor was a grand piece of acting, which is well worth seeing a second time. Mr. Tree was well supported by Mr. Charles Brookfield, as Dudley Chalmers; a man whose surliness overlies sound common sense, confirmed by experience. Mr. H. Kemble gave a capital piece of character acting as Mr. Norton, while Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, as the old-fashioned dandy, Percy Buddington, acquitted himself well. Mr. Arthur Elwood was earnest as Sir Godfrey Chalmers. Miss Helen Barry's style hardly enabled her to do justice to the part of Mrs. Mandeville, notwithstanding that she acted with plenty of "go." Miss Helen Forsyth was delightful as Beatrice; her ingenuous charm and freshness winning for her the appreciation of the audience. The other parts were fairly filled; Mr. F. Gerard (Mr. Lindley Smart), Mr. U. Winter (Mr. Alfred Maffleton), Mr. Arthur Darwin (Mr. Washington Mivarts), Mr. Ulick Winter (Melton), Mr. West (Bibury), Miss Maud Merrill (Miss Gushman), Miss Gertrude Tempest (Miss Martingale), Miss Steele (Mrs. Templeton), Miss Tempest (Pauline). Special praise must be awarded to Mr. Edward Hastings for the excellent way in which he "stage-managed" the piece.

Vaudeville.—We are not surprised that Mr. Derrick's comedy "Plebeians," which was produced here on the 13th ult., should have proved unsuited to the public taste, or that it should have been withdrawn after a short run. As we said, in noticing its production, there was nothing in the piece to win for it anything like success, and the action of the management in withdrawing it has proved the correctness of our verdict. It has been replaced by "Confusion," an eccentric comedy by the same author, which has already achieved a reputation,—it having been represented more than four hundred and fifty times previous to its present revival. "Confusion" is well worth seeing, and will no doubt prove successful for some time to come. Most of the characters are filled by the same artistes who portrayed them during its former run, while those who are new give valuable assistance. Miss Kate Rorke plays the part of the misunderstood wife with that grace and skill that has always made her famous. Miss Millett, one of the best ingénu's we have on the stage, realises the character of Violet with pretty effect. Miss Larkin and Miss Kate Phillips did all that was required of them; while Mr. Glenny, as the perplexed and much-wronged husband, portrayed the character with an earnestness that at times made us wish we could see him in a more serious part. Mr. Charles Groves, as Blizzard, appeared to revel in the comical ties set down for him; and last, but by no means least, Mr. Frederick Thorne threw an amount of serious woe into his face that would have been creditable to Robson in his palmiest days.

Toole's.—The long talked of travestie on "Faust," by Mr. F. C. Burnand, has been presented to the general public, but, so far, with a result that may be described as disappointing. Why Mr. Toole should have ventured to produce so whimsical and clever a piece before it was fully rehearsed no one can conceive. The scenery, on too ambitious a scale for so small a theatre, did not work properly. This may have been attributable to too much having been attempted in imitation of that at the Lyceum—in the shape of steam clouds, electric effects, and Mephistophelean marvels. However, Mr. Toole has plenty of material to work upon, and when all goes smoothly no doubt success will be achieved. The travestie is full of lively jokes and witty puns, but they frequently seem to miss fire. The style in which Mr. Toole represents Mephistopheles puts us in mind of a pantomime; he uses a harlequin's wand to perform his tricks. One of the best features in the piece is Mr. Toole's excellent imitation of Mr. Sims Reeves; he manages to take off the popular tenor much more successfully than he does his friend Irving. Miss Marie Linden, as Margaret, imitates Miss Helen Terry wonderfully; she reproduces the voice and gesture of that popular actress with great success. Mr. E. D. Ward is a capital Faust; his imitations of Mr. Irving's peculiarities being very good. One of the hits of the piece is Mr. George Shelton's impersonation of Margaret's mother (name not known), this clever artist is indeed exceedingly funny. Mr. W. Brunton could not elicit much humour from the part of Constable Valentine, although he laboured assiduously. The music consists chiefly of music hall tunes and snatches from Gounod's opera.

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EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A VERY full meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. In the absence of the W.M., through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and there were also present Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., I.P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, William Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., J. Kay Secretary, T. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., W. Stephenson I.G., P. Pearson, J. Mennell, W. T. Nance, J. E. Wilkinson, and about 20 other brethren. A ballot was taken for a candidate, and two accepted candidates were initiated by the acting W.M., the Charge being given by the S.W. On the motion of Bro. Dyson, the sum of £25 was voted from the Lodge funds to the Proprietary Fund. Bro. Padel presented to the Lodge Library the fifth volume of Gould's "History of Freemasonry," and Bro. Whytehead also presented six Masonic works, and for these votes of thanks were accorded. The name of a candidate was proposed and seconded, and the Lodge was closed. A smoking concert was afterwards held in the smoke room, when songs and recitations were given by Bros. Mennell, Thackray, Sir F. Milner, T. B. Whytehead, and others, and a thoroughly friendly evening was enjoyed by the members and their numerous visitors.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

A NUMEROUS and highly representative gathering of members of the Mason Craft took place at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 4th inst., on the occasion of the installation, as Worshipful Master, of Bro. Alford Greenham S.W., who had been unanimously elected to succeed Bro. John Bailey in the chair. The ceremony of installation was performed, in a skilful and impressive manner, by Bro. F. Newman P.M. P.P.G.S.W., and afterwards Bro. Greenham appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Bailey I.P.M., William Judd S.W., Frank Rayner J.W., Rev. George Avery Chaplain, Francis Cooper P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Lewis Colenutt Secretary, Charles H. Moorman S.D., Arthur F. Swayne J.D., William Deeks D.C., John W. Cantlow I.G., John B. Middleton Organist, Francis Cooper P.M. S.S., William Thompson J.S., William J. Mew Tyler. The Worshipful Master then presented to Bro. Newman, in the name of the members of the Lodge, a handsome timepiece, of novel construction, being in the form of a lighthouse with revolving light, the clock face and aneroid barometer coming into view alternately. The W.M., in the course of an eloquent speech, said the future history of the Chine Lodge would ever be associated with the name of Bro. Newman. He referred to his efforts in connection with the Masonic Hall, which would ever remain as a memento of his Masonic generosity. In the early days of the Lodge he worked unceasingly on its behalf, and for two years filled the chair. They did not select a Masonic jewel for presentation, *as Bro. Newman* already possessed one from the Chine Lodge, and *they* would remember that when it was resolved to present it Bro. Dr. Dabbs, with his accustomed generosity, insisted on bearing the whole cost of it, and thus to acknowledge the valuable aid rendered to him during his year of office by Bro. Newman. The presentation was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Newman. Before the Lodge was closed several new members were proposed. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Daish's Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was served under the supervision of Mrs. Tizard. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the number of brethren present was so large that several were accommodated in an adjoining room. Bro. General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, Past Grand Warden of England, in responding to the toast of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Officers of Grand Lodge, complimented the W.M. on the marked ability he had shown in carrying out his duties that day. He had visited many Lodges in the Island, but he must admit that the Chine Lodge had the most convenient building he had seen for holding a Lodge meeting, and this he attributed to the fact that it had been designed by Bro. Newman. Bro. A. R. Holbrook P.M. proposed the P.G. Master Bro. Beach, M.P., the D.P.G.M. Bro. Le Fevre, and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, to which Bros. Faulkner P.P.G.S.W. and F. Cooper P.G.S., replied. The health of the W.M. was given in eulogistic terms by Bro. Dr. Dabbs, the senior Past Master of the Lodge, and was received with acclamation. Several toasts followed, and the proceedings were interspersed by some capital vocal selections.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No 147.—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Present:—Bros. Penrose W.M., Prior S.W., Dandridge J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Mansfield S.D., Thomas J.D., Miller I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, Greener, Catt, Walters. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Greener candidate. Lodge was then called off; on resuming it was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Catt personating the candidate. Bro. Prior S.W. was elected Wor. Master for the ensuing Thursday, and all business being ended Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall Street, City, on Wednesday, 3rd inst. Bros. Saint W.M., Hunter S.W., Gildersleve J.W., Davey D., Belchamber P., Murrell I.G., Pitt Secretary, Cubitt, D. Moss, H. Moss, King, Lashbrook, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Moss candidate. Bro. D. Moss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moss also rehearsed the fifth section in the form of a lecture, which gave great pleasure and instruction to the brethren. Bro. H. Moss 1668, W. Hunter 205, and Murrell 193, were elected members. Bro. Hunter was elected Worshipful Master for next meeting. All labour ended Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday, at 7 o'clock.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on the 8th inst. Present:—Bros. Dixie W.M., Hancock S.W., Fluck J.W., Ware S.D., Kirk J.D., Keogh I.G., Weeden acting Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary, and several other brethren. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White acting as candidate. Bro. White answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. The first, second, and third sections of the first lecture were then worked. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for Monday next, and the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 355.—The usual weekly meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Friday, 4th inst. The V.W. Grand Secretary Bro. F. Binckes P.G.W., in his usual able manner, rehearsed the ceremony of consecration, he being ably assisted as D.C. by Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. Old Kent Lodge (T.I.) and supported by the whole of the Officers and members of the parent Lodge, and a great number of brethren from other Lodges. Nine brethren were proposed and elected as members, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Secretary, the meeting was adjourned until Friday, 19th inst., at seven o'clock, when the W.M. of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 4, will preside as W.M., supported by the Officers of that Lodge in their respective chairs. After labour came refreshment, which was provided in faultless style by Messrs. Weyers and Cole, at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury-square, and was heartily enjoyed by the brethren (to the number of 25) who participated. In consequence of the slight indisposition of Bro. Mather Preceptor, the chair was taken by Bro. Binckes, the two Wardens of the parent Lodge supporting him as Vice-Presidents, and after spending a very happy time, under the genial presidency of the Grand Secretary, the meeting dissolved. We observed present to support Bro. Binckes Bros. J. L. Mather P.M. Old Kent (T.I.) Preceptor, D. P. Cama W.M. Percy Lodge, C. Pulman P.G.I.G. P.M. 139, J. T. Briggs W.M. Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, J. D. Birkin W.M. 284, A. G. Fidler S.W. 284, Graham P.M. 284, Carter P.M. 139; W. M. Stiles S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., G. Gregory M.O., W. Dickey S.D., Mordey Reg. of Marks, A. H. Scurrah J.D., G. Dickinson D.C., M. J. Rowley I.G., F. W. Huddlestone Organist, all of 355; S. H. Parkhouse S.D. 211, S. P. Catterson M.O. 234, H. J. Davis I.G. 357, J. W. Beeglymer 223, T. C. Edmonds S.D. 139, G. Emblin S.D. 239, C. J. B. Knightley Secretary 355.

To-day (Saturday) has been appointed for the private view of the Spring Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 15th instant.

"The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1886" is the title of a new Masonic lecture, which Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. announces as ready for delivery in Master Masons' Lodges and Lodges of Instruction.

In Memoriam.

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BRO. JOHN BEAUFOY ALFRED MOORE.

It was with very great regret that we received the intelligence of the demise of Bro. John Beaufoy Alfred Moore, for many years the esteemed proprietor of Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, one of the most historical hotels in Fleet Street. This event occurred on Friday, the 5th instant. Brother Moore was in the full enjoyment of health on the preceding Wednesday, but on returning home that evening he was taken suddenly ill in a cab, and expired about half past one o'clock on the Friday. Bro. Moore was only 65 years of age, and his sudden removal has caused a profound sense of sorrow amongst a wide circle of friends, especially the habitués of "the Cheese," the famous resort in years gone by of Boswell, Johnson, and a host of other celebrities in literature and art. Brother Moore was a member of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, and manifested considerable interest in the Craft and its doings. The funeral cortège left Maida Vale at eleven o'clock on Thursday forenoon, and proceeded to St. Mark's Church, where the burial service was read by Canon Duckworth. The coffin was literally buried in wreaths and crosses, sent by loving hands as a last tribute of respect and affection. From Maida Vale the funeral procession wended its way to Brompton Cemetery, which was reached at half-past twelve o'clock, and here the impressive rites of the Church of England were concluded in the presence of a large circle of sorrowing spectators.

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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 FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Standard Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1448—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
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2040—Royal Chester of Unanimity, Union Tavern, Aldersgate-street, at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th 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).
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, 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.)
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. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 17—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, George Hotel, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
958—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
1218—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1512—Legiolum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1589—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 120—Pallacian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 286—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Holbeck-road, Shipley
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
R.C. 25—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
45—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lower-road-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, 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)
198—Jerusalem, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Carpenter-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)
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.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1369—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1541—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, Cock Tavern, Highbury
695—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, Dalwich road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

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. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
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
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
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, Bexhams, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
909—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Beesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, 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
1280—Walton, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Beckng
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Roslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
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
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden

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. 349—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 469—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 691—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, Llanwan
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
130—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lower-road-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stockbridge Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
760—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
779—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Mercantile Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Cornhill, 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
1338—Stanhope Oak, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Cornthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, Rye Road, Peckham, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Standard, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1694—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Compters, March 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. (Instruction)

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1022—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

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.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Tower Hall, Shoreditch
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
179—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.
259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
481—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
560—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Oswaldtwistle
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
638—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
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
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1971—Adersh t Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
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
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R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1357—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Izadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
160—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, Couch 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
1168—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1274—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
1555—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, 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)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, Loudon Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 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. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Guiseley
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Gainsborough
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastings
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Dewsbury, Shillingworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Ormskirk, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Chatterton-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonyclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Doncaster
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
634—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1032—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1184—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1192—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
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 97—Street 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, 19th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King-street, 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)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1264—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Stanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1754—Unique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (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, Ship Hotel, Greenwich, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Anchor, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 4—Kemeys Tynte, 34 Golden Square, W.
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Victoria, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staithburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
458—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
683—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1086—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Ilford
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hawer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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, 20th FEBRUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Seven Sisters Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
716—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, Old New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1365—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Confidence, Crown and Anchor, 79 Sloane 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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sons of Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 347—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

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IS NOISE AN ESSENTIAL TO ENJOYMENT?

DURING the last few days the British roughs have been trying to demonstrate, in various centres of civilisation, that noise is essential for their enjoyment, or at all events that they can find some amusement in creating disturbances, and making themselves a nuisance to their fellow creatures. It is true a few of them have gone much further than this, and have committed outrages which have called forth the strongest condemnation, and which, it is to be hoped, will be severely punished. But a large number—by far the majority—have contented themselves with shouting, and creating as much noise as is possible, to the annoyance of all who heard them, and with no good result to themselves. Yet, in a measure, we can excuse all this noise considering the source from whence it has come. Many of those who have been loudest in creating the uproar have hardly known better, while they have been led astray by popular agitators; men who are for ever urging the masses to excesses against good order and *regularity*. But what can we say of almost similar conduct among educated men; men who have been taught, and who know better; men who are moving in good spheres of life, and who are well acquainted with the laws—unwritten though they may be—which govern properly organised society? Such behaviour from these is disgraceful, and calls for the strongest condemnation, even if it should not be carried beyond actual reproof.

There are some Masons to whom noise appears to be an essential to enjoyment, especially at the banquet table, and to such as are so circumstanced we commend the above paragraph. If they could see themselves as others see them, could realise the fact that their frequent shouts for a glass of wine with Bro. So-and-so was the greatest of nuisances to their more peaceable neighbours, they would perhaps see they were quite as great offenders against good order as the loudest of the shouters who, during the past few weeks, have proved such an annoyance to the peaceable citizens of London and other towns, and considering they stand much higher in the social scale they are deserving of stronger reproof than the poor ignorant masses, who have gone wild in response to the rabid utterances of practised agitators. Is it necessary for these brethren to make themselves a nuisance to all around them before they can say they have enjoyed their evening? If so, the sooner it becomes generally known the better, as we may then be able to set apart two or three Lodges for these over "enthusiastic" brethren, and let them shout among themselves, to their heart's content—on condition they do not annoy their fellows whenever they may find themselves outside one of their reserved centres. We can appreciate enthusiasm in a good cause, or hearty enjoyment at the festive board, as well as any one, but the excess to which some brethren go is far beyond the one or the other, and is, we again say, deserving of the strongest condemnation. We have known a few of these lively spirits to monopolise an evening, to call down upon themselves the censure of the Worshipful Master, to bear the criticisms of Past Masters and Visitors alike, and to go away feeling they had had a good time of it, and really believing they had contributed to the harmony of the meeting. How can we hope to convert such offenders as these? We should be sorry to suggest anything un-Masonic, but really they deserve to have their own weapons turned upon themselves. Let us go, again, to the popular agitators, and take example from them; in short, let us "boycott" those who annoy us, and when they shout for a toast let all who desire to maintain peace and comfort decline to acknowledge it. There are plenty of methods by which one friend can attract the notice of another, without continually shouting across the tables, to the annoyance of those around, and the sooner this is generally recognised the better it will be for all concerned.

WHY AM I A FREEMASON?

A TRAVELLER on a long journey gets weary sometimes, and finds it necessary to pause for rest and refreshment. While resting and meditating, he naturally takes a retrospective view of the way already travelled, the place whence he came, the rough and rugged places, it may be, over which he has passed, the running brook where he has slaked his thirst with its limpid water and plucked vernal flowers from its green and fertile banks. He then takes a prospective view of the road yet to be travelled. It may be he is going home to see his loved ones, either on this side of the "dark river" or beyond. In either case the object is delightful and the thought transporting. Supposing it to be a road he has never before travelled, the following questions cannot fail to engage his earnest attention: Am I in the right way? and is it a safe route to travel?

The writer of this article, having "travelled East" for many years, is inclined to mediate on the spot where he is now resting, and inquire:

Why am I a Freemason? and is that route a safe one to travel?" To me the answer is not difficult nor embarrassing.

It is because Freemasonry is a social organization, instituted by virtuous men, and based upon the broad, liberal and sublime principles of morality and religion. Its first grand principle, underlying it, and interwoven with all of its ceremonies, is the belief in one true and living God, the Supreme, intelligent First Cause of all things. Hence, no atheist can be made a Mason; and any Mason who may become an atheist cannot remain a member without being guilty of the greatest hypocrisy.

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tory of whatsoever is pure, whatsoever is lovely, and whatsoever is of good report among his fellow men.

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Freemasonry does not claim to be the Church nor the State, and yet it is a support of both. It has always embraced among its members many of the ablest divines and some of the most brilliant and distinguished statesmen; in fact, men of every rank and station in life. Its success is due, in a great measure, to the fact that it is non-sectarian and non-political in its organisation. It does not interfere with any duty we owe to God, our country, our neighbour or ourselves, but on the contrary enforces all those duties in the strongest manner. It is a charitable institution, linking its members together "by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection," and seeking to "unite men of every country, sect and opinion."

It may be said by our opponents, "We do not object to your principles, but all Masons do not live up to them." We admit and regret that some Masons do not live up to their principles, and yet all must admit that no society, moral or religious, has ever succeeded in making all of its members pure and upright. We must not forget the parable of our Saviour, in which it is said: "Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in the field? from whence then hast it tares?" The reply was, "An enemy hath done this." An enemy has been sowing tares among the wheat ever since.

Again, it may be said: "We object to secret societies." Why, and on what ground? We admit that a secret society, organised for wicked and selfish purposes, is decidedly objectionable. For example, one whose purpose it is to overthrow the government of a free people, or for violating the laws of the government. Every society must be judged of by its principles and practice, and not because it may or may not have secret tokens and signs of brotherly recognition, or pledges of personal relief in case of danger or distress. If that postulate be true, and we do not see how any one can successfully controvert it, there can be no just grounds for objecting to the Fraternity of Freemasons. Secret tokens and pledges of friendship have been quite common in all ages of the world. In the first persecution of the Christians under Nero, they had their secret tokens and passwords of brotherly recognition for mutual protection.

I will illustrate what I conceive to be a lawful and laudable secret among brethren. Every reader of the Bible will readily recognise this beautiful passage of Scripture: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." That promise, made to the victor, contains a secret token and pledge of friendship. It is quite probable that St. John here alludes to the custom among the Romans of giving tokens of friendship called the *tesseræ*. We will mention two kinds of these tokens or pledges. First, the *tesseræ conviviales*, which answered to our cards or tickets of admission to public feasts or banquets. Then there were the *tesseræ hospitales*, which were given as a badge of friendship and alliance, and on which some device was engraved. A small oblong square piece of wood, stone, or ivory, was taken and divided into two equal parts, on which each of the parties wrote his own name, and then interchanged it with the other. Each one carefully preserved his part, and by producing it when they travelled gave the bearers a mutual claim to all the hospitality their respective houses could afford. No one could know the meaning of the name or device upon the *tesseræ* but the contracting parties that interchanged them; and could at any time verify the contract by comparing them—"which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." It is a beautiful illustration of the value of such tokens and pledges of friendship as will bind virtuous men more closely together in all that pertains to noble deeds of charity and brotherly kindness. And no Mason should ever lose sight of that as one of the grand objects of the Brotherhood of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Ideal fabrics to uprear,
Some men think all our art;
But little think what plans we draw
To form an upright heart.

Our plumb we poise, and clear each clog
That hangs about the string:
And each unruly passion's flight
Within the compass bring."

My conclusion is that Freemasonry, in its plan and purposes, is the best and purest social organization outside of the Church of the living God. Its moral and religious creed is eminently liberal and practical, and is intended to promote the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. That it does not succeed in making all of its members pure, virtuous and benevolent, must be attributed to the corrupting influences of evil times and customs, against which the Church, as well as Freemasonry, has had to contend with varying success. I know of no stronger bond of union in all that relates to a virtuous life than that imposed upon the Masonic Brotherhood.

"Upon this rock we'll stand when worlds,
T' oblivion all shall tend;
Our brethren as ourselves we love;
To all mankind a friend."

—*Freemasons' Repository.*

MASONIC DISTURBERS.

THERE are a few in the Craft who may be called Masonic disturbers; who are never easy without creating dissension, and if more numerous would be classed as Masonic destroyers.

How little do such persons regard the principle that peace and harmony are the strength of all institutions.

We do not allude to those who, having the interest of the Lodge or Chapter at heart, never hesitate to express their opinion when they think the funds are likely to be misapplied, or when some action is to be taken that may interfere with the prosperity of the body with which they are connected. Such members are sometimes wrong in their ideas; but yet they mean well, and speak according to their convictions. They may be looked upon really as the preservers rather than the destroyers.

But there are some who have the desire to rule, either in a station or on the floor, and if unable to accomplish their object, will do their best to ruin. We have met a few of this kind. For a time, charity for their weaknesses may cause the Lodge or Chapter to be indulgent until the infliction becomes painful, and the offender is, as it were, "sat upon."

Then is exhibited the spirit of malignancy, only too well known in some bodies, where one individual can and will prevent the Lodge or Chapter from working. In some cases it is also manifested by attacks made in the public press under a *nom de plume*, on individuals, thereby causing feelings of bitterness which should not exist. In the end, however, this will rectify itself, and the disturber finally find that he is either outside the pale of the Fraternity, or regarded as one who ought never to have belonged to it.

Let Masonic disturbers be warned in time.—*New York Sunday Times.*

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

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A ROYAL COMMISSION.

A DOCUMENT of unusual interest to the Masonic Fraternity of this State was quite unexpectedly received a few days ago by ex-Alderman William E. Pine, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. It is a commission from the Grand Lodge of England, appointing Mr. Pine a representative of that body to the Grand Lodge of this State, and bears the autograph of His Royal Highness, Albert Edward Prince of Wales and Grand Master of England. It is elaborately engrossed on a large skin of parchment, some of the lines being embellished with initial letters in gold, blue and red, and the penmanship of the document is equal to fine copper-plate engraving. This is the first English commission crediting a representative to the New Jersey Grand Lodge, and there are very few, if any, Masons in the United States who have been thus honoured by the head of the English Fraternity.

The following is a transcript of the commission, the signature of the Prince of Wales occupying the upper left-hand corner:

ALBERT EDWARD, G.M.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful and Worshipful Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey, and all others whom these presents may concern.

Health, Peace, Unity!

We, the Grand Master, in our own names and on behalf of the Right Worshipful and Worshipful the Officers and Brethren of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, being most desirous of establishing relations of amity and brotherly love between the United Grand Lodge of England and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and the several Lodges and brethren under their authority and sanction respectively, and in token of the great confidence reposed in, as well as the high consideration entertained for, the Honourable William E. Pine, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint him Grand Representative and the Representative of the Grand Lodge of England in the said Grand Lodge of New Jersey, charging him our said Representative, at all times and upon all occasions, to use his best exertions to promote and maintain the integrity, the honour and the welfare of the Masonic Craft at large, and to testify our good will, high consideration and fraternal regard towards the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his officers and brethren of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, whereby the bond of union may be strengthened and the interests of the Fraternity promoted. And we do hereby confer upon our said Representative ample powers to do and perform all such Masonic acts as by the laws and usages of the two Grand Lodges the Representative of a sister Grand Lodge may do and perform.

With fraternal greeting we do request the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey to receive our said Representative, whom we charge to assure the Grand Lodge of our high respect, and of our cordial desire to operate with them in every effort that can be made to preserve the purity and usefulness of Ancient Freemasonry throughout the world.

Given under our hand and seal of our Grand Lodge, at London, this 7th day of November, A.L. 5885, A.D. 1885, by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c.

(Seal). LATHOM D.G.M.

SHADWELL CLERKE G.S.

The Commission was duly presented at the meeting of the Grand Lodge last week, and Mr. Pine received in accordance with the expressed wish of the Royal Craftsman.—*Newark (N.J.) Sunday Call, 31st January.*

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 18, K.T., OF NEW YORK CITY.

PALESTINE Commandery, No. 18, K.T., stationed at New York City, gave its eighth annual reception in the Metropolitan Opera House, on Thursday evening, 14th January. This occasion was one of the most brilliant events of the social season. Palestine Commandery is distinguished for two things, namely, the earnest interest its members take in the maintaining of all things which are for the honour of the Order, and for the large and generous hospitality with which on an occasion like that of the past reception visiting Knights are received and entertained. The preparations for the event had been in the hands of an efficient committee a long time previous, and when the evening arrived everything was completed by the best of good times. The Opera House was in gala array and resplendent with light when the Knights and their ladies and the many guests arrived. The decorations were made under the superintendence of Sir Mitchell Halliday. All nations were represented in the flags which adorned the fronts of the boxes, while the principal features of the display of light and colour were of an emblematic character, appropriate to Templary. The stage had been transformed into a tent, in the rear of which was a platform for the Grand Officers, garlands of flowers and statues being displayed upon and about it. A large passion cross of white flowers, with a smaller Templar cross of red flowers, was a conspicuous object, which was made by Mrs. Milton Frost, of Detroit, and presented by her to Palestine Commandery. A cross formed in gas jets surmounted the flowers, and these also flamed out, in tongues of fire, the motto, "*In Hoc Signo Vinces*," above the cross, while the name "Palestine, No. 18, K.T." appeared upon the cross itself. The beauseant of the Commandery was in front of the proscenium arch, and on each side were representations of Knights in armour. The guests were received by Em. Sir James W. Bowden, Em. Commander, Chairman of Committee on Invitation, and as the Knights in their rich uniforms, and the ladies in their elegant costumes gathered, the scene was one of great beauty. Cappa's Seventh Regiment band, 110 pieces, discoursed charming music as the throng grew; and as the boxes filled and the more restless ones moved about the aspect was inspiring. After an overture from Verdi's "Sicilian Vespers," and selections from the "Mikado," the band struck up a grand march, "Palestine Commandery," composed by Signor Cappa, during the performance of which Grand Commander R.E. Sir Peter Forrester and his staff were escorted to the platform. Then followed an inspection and review by the Grand Commander, in which appeared delegations from Columbian Commandery, No. 1; Morton, No. 4; Clinton, No. 14; Cœur de Lion, No. 23; De Witt Clinton, No. 27; Manhattan, No. 31; Ivanhoe, No. 36; Constantine, No. 48; Bethlehem, No. 53; York, No. 55; St. Elmo, No. 57; Greenwood, No. 58; and Palestine, No. 18. Following this inspection was an exhibition drill by the Drill Corps of Palestine Commandery, composed of thirty-six Knights, under the command of P. Em. Sir Eugene S. Eunson. The several movements, including various emblematic formations, were admirably executed, in fact almost, if not quite, to perfection, and were observed with marked interest. Dancing followed, with an extended order of dances, which occupied the time till nearly daybreak. Among the guests present were Mayor William R. Grace; Hugh J. Grant, Sheriff of the city; V.E. Gen. Sir Charles Roome, Acting Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States; R.E. Sir Eli C. Birdsey, P.G.C. of Connecticut; R.E. Sir John W. Simons, Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of the United States; R.E. Sir Peter Forrester, Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of New York; E. Sir Albert G. Goodall, Grand Generalissimo; R. C. Christiance, Grand Treasurer, and Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of New York. From the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, R.E. Sir Thomas W. Tilden, Past Grand Commander; R.E. Sir John H. Ackerman, Grand Commander; E. Sir Edward W. Price, Grand Generalissimo; E. Sir Isaac C. Githens Grand Captain General; E. Sir Thomas Godson Grand Prelate; E. Sir Albert D. Winfield, Grand Standard-Bearer, and E. Sir Charles Slee, Grand Junior Warden. There were also present Most Worshipful Brothers Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master; Washington E. Connor, Grand Marshal; Wor. Herman G. Carter, Grand Librarian; George H. Raymond Grand Lecturer, Col. E. M. L. Ehlers Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of New York, Sir Holland of St. Bernard Commandery, Chicago, E. Sir Robert M. Lawrence, of Westchester Commandery, No. 42, New York, and Sir George W. Latimer, of Detroit Commandery, Michigan, as well as delegations from Washington Commandery, Newport, R.I.; Apollo, No. 1, Chicago, Ill., and St John's, No. 4, of Philadelphia, Pa., who lent their presence on this festive occasion. Noticeable among the throng hailing from Massachusetts were Eminent Sir Charles E. Pierce, Commander of St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston and an honorary member of Palestine. On his suite were E. Sir Charles J. Noyes, P. Com., and Sir Charles H. Porter Junior Warden of St. Omer, and Sirs Frank H. Mudge and George S. Carpenter, of De Molay Commandery, of Boston, and Sir George W. Frye, of Godfrey De Bouillon Commandery, of Fall River—each of whom, with the exception of the two Knights last named, were accompanied by their wives. India was represented by V.E. Sir K. Arthur Saunders, Prior of the Grand Priory of Madras, India, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in India.

Eminent Commander Bowden and the Officers and Knights of Palestine were ubiquitous, and unwearying in their exertions to promote the happiness of all participants, and their efforts for this Eighth Annual Reception were crowned with success. Long live Palestine Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar!—*Keystone.*

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can any of your readers enlighten me with regard to the general practice in reference to Lodge Benevolent Funds? First, Will Grand Lodge sanction a Bye-law embodied in the General Bye-laws of the Lodge—1. Establishing such a Fund; 2. Fixing the proportion of subscriptions; 3. Setting forth the sources from which the money is to come—collections from members and guests after or during banquets; 4. Constituting the body to administer the Fund? Such a Bye-law I fancy gives the Lodge something of the semblance of a Friendly or Benevolent Society, and I cannot but think that it is better altogether to omit it from the general Bye-laws and to deal with the matter by separate and distinct regulations.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, held at the Red Lion Tavern, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C. Bros. J. R. Stacey P.M. 1541 W.M., Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., Gush P.M. 1541 J.W. First lecture—Bros. Tacon, Skelton, Spon, Snelling, Squirrell, Larchin, Gush. Second lecture—Bros. Shipwright, Dury, Kearney, Jenkins, Stubbins. Third lecture—Bros. Beck, Fox, Shaw.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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TEMPLE LODGE, No. 101.

THE installation meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, when there was a goodly muster of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. E. J. Altman, who was well supported by his Officers. Amongst the array of Visitors were Bros. Hyde Clarke P.D.G.M. of Columbia, Kempton W.M. Temple Bar Lodge, Capt. Pash W.M. Fitzroy Lodge, Ansell P.G.D. Grand Lodge of Turkey, Capt. Durrant P.M. Lewis Lodge, Gellion P.M. Hyde Park Lodge, Edwards P.M. 917, Snellgrove 907, Butcher 569, Birkett 569, Nelson Reed P.M. 1592, S. Temple 569, Llewellyn 12, Oakshott 1058, Martin P.M. 23, Hellier 1624, Walton 1257, Butt 1579, Stacey 575, and many others. Lodge opened, and after the transaction of routine business, which included the adoption of a satisfactory report from the Auditors, Brother T. A. Bullock, Superintendent of the Eastern Telegraph Company, Old Broad-street was presented for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being most efficiently performed by the outgoing Worshipful Master. On the re-admision of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours in the three degrees, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Altman I.P.M., E. S. Lardner S.W., Round J.W., Reynolds P.M. Sec., J. Bond P.M. Treasurer, Beard S.D., Wilson J.D., Bagley I.G., Hastelow D.C., Williams W.S., Potter Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered with much ability and elocutionary effect by Bro. Altman, his working eliciting expressions of admiration. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Worshipful Master as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the year. At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, which was served for the first time in the new and splendid rooms of the Ship and Turtle, under the admirable superintendence of Bro. Ashby, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren gave unqualified satisfaction. At dessert the Worshipful Master gave the Queen and the Craft, the toast being followed by the National Anthem; after which he proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., which was loyally received. He then gave the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, in doing which he spoke of the ability and judgment with which the affairs of Grand Lodge were administered by the rulers of the Craft. Bro. Hyde Clarke P.D.G.M. of Columbia, in responding, eulogised the Temple Lodge both for its traditions in the past, and its sound position and excellent prospects at the present time. He also congratulated the officers and brethren upon the admirable and efficient manner in which the ceremonies of the day had been performed, and concluded by wishing for Bro. Bullock a very happy and prosperous year of office. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, alluded to the creditable manner in which Bro. Bullock had passed through the minor offices of the Lodge, and expressed his firm conviction that he would fulfil the duties of the chair with honour to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he regarded it as most auspicious for any Master to be so well supported by the Officers and members of the Lodge. His conviction was at least equal to his hope that their distinguished Visitors would leave them that evening with favourable impressions formed by the work they had witnessed in the Temple Lodge. For himself, he regretted exceedingly that his experience as a Mason, in his own opinion, scarcely fitted him for the exalted position to which it had pleased the brethren to elect him; still he could not but be gratified with the unanimity with which that honour had been conferred upon him. Their distinguished Visitor, Bro. Hyde Clarke, was singularly competent, by his experience in many parts of the world, to judge of the merits of any Lodge; he had in his capacity of District Grand Master visited the four quarters of the globe; and the complimentary way in which he had spoken of the working of the Temple Lodge could not fail to be highly gratifying to himself (the speaker) as it must have been to all the Officers and brethren present. He hoped he might realise the wish which had been expressed by the proposer of the toast that he might enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office, and promised to use his utmost efforts for the promotion of the welfare of the Temple Lodge. He then proposed the I.P.M. and Installing Master, and in doing so paid a deserved compliment to Bro. Altman for the ability with which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office, and the splendid manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Altman, who thanked the brethren heartily for the tangible recognition they had made of the services he had been able to render to the Lodge. For the Visitors, who received a most cordial greeting, Bros. Ansell P.G.D. Turkey, Capt. Pash P.M., and Capt. Durrant P.M. responded, in suitable terms. The W.M. coupled the toasts of the Past Masters and the Secretary and Treasurer, for which responses were made by P.M.'s J. Bond and Flack. The W.M., in proposing the Officers of the Lodge, made happy allusion to the admirable way in which the whole of the Officers discharged their duties on all occasions, and congratulated the Lodge, in anticipation, upon having, in their Senior Warden, Bro. Lardner, a Master to follow him (the speaker) next year. He could not resist the temptation to specially refer to the working of their Junior Warden, whom he ventured to predict would, in his turn, fill the chair when it became vacant in a manner seldom, if ever, excelled by any Master of the Temple Lodge. Bro. Lardner having replied, the list was appropriately concluded by the Tyler. During the evening there were excellent songs and recitations, amongst those who contributed to the enjoyment of the company being Bros. Frank Williams, H. J. Reynolds, E. Lardner, A. Beard, S. Temple, Birkett, &c. A most agreeable and harmonious evening was passed.

ST. GERMAIN'S LODGE, No. 566.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, for the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. the Rev. Henry Greeves P.M. P.P.G.C. North and East Yorkshire (Vicar of Wistow), and the investment of Officers was held in the Lodge room at Selby, on Friday, the 14th instant. The Installing Master was the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Pearson Bell P.G.D. England. The following is a list of the Officers:—Bros. George Dixon Todd I.P.M., W. N. Cheeseman S.W., T. G. P. Barlow J.W., Rev. Thomas Cheese, B.A., Chaplain, G. W. Hudson Treasurer, W. Rawling P.P.G.O. Secretary, Captain Hawdon S.D., Mark Scott P.M. J.D., Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., W. Leatham and W. Staniland Stewards, Charles Turner I.G., Pearson Tyler. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Londesborough Arms Hotel.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, King-street, Manchester, and more than unusual interest was attached to the proceedings of this meeting from the fact that a gentleman was being proposed as a candidate for initiation who a few weeks since had been refused by the Wolseley Lodge, because of the occupation he was engaged in. As will be seen from the following list of names a large number of visiting brethren attended:—Roger Walker W.M., Seth Wrigly S.W., John Jordrell J.W., Alfred B. Outram I.P.M. and Treasurer, D. Edwards Secretary, Ernest Jones S.D., Charles L. Griffin J.D., Charles J. S. Bennett Organist, B. White D.C., A. Williams I.G., James Sly Tyler; T. Campbell, T. W. K. Stunt, Frank Creane, N. Battersby, W. H. Clayton, D. Langridge P.M., Thomas Fallons P.M., John Smith, W. H. Lofthouse, W. Duncan P.M. Visitors—Bros. Broughton 1345, George Parker 1083, Charles Claber W.M. 467, J. Priestman 1011, John Bell I.P.M. St. John's, W. T. Norton P.M. 1161, John Wilson 1993, Thomas Quick jun., 1993, H. Darbyshire P.M. 1993, E. Nathan P.M. 1798, W. Allcock 322, T. H. Stansfield J.W. 167, John Hatton P.M. 1458, Ridgeway 1993, Erams 1009, A. H. Jeffries W.M. 1161, W. Holyock 1993. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Walker, at 7·15. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edwards P.M. of the Lodge, and first Master of the Wolseley Lodge, proposed the candidate referred to in a well-considered speech, wherein he gave an eminently satisfactory account of the antecedents of the applicant. The proposition was seconded by the Worshipful Master, and at his request a visiting Past Master, who fills the office of D.C. of the Wolseley Lodge, strongly supported the proposition. The ballot was then taken, and it proved unanimous in favour of the candidate. With his usual courtesy the W.M. invited Bro. Edwards to perform the ceremony of initiation, which this distinguished Brother did in an able and eloquent manner. The working tools were afterwards explained by Bro. Jordrell J.W. most efficiently. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. John Smith having answered the necessary questions was entrusted, and he retired. The Lodge was again advanced, and Brother Smith was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, when Bro. Fallas P.M. proposed a candidate for joining. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and Lodge was closed in due form at 9·45. The brethren and visitors, who, before the commencement of business had partaken of a splendid knife and fork tea, provided by Mrs. Edwards, were now invited to the festive board, and were regaled in the heartiest manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been gone through, Brother Edwards was deputed by the Worshipful Master to propose the toast of the newly initiated Brother. This he did in a long and earnest speech, his remarks being frequently applauded by the members and visitors present. Brother Watson replied in graceful terms. The toast of the newly raised brother was then proposed by Brother Jones, and responded to by Bro. Smith in a manner which led all present to suppose that in him they had a promising and enthusiastic Mason. The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Brother Langridge P.M., and responded to by a number of the visiting brethren, who expressed admiration at the excellent working of the W.M. and his Officers, and referred to the liberal catering at the festive board. After a most harmonious and enthusiastic meeting the proceedings were brought to a close at 11 p.m.

ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

IT is some time since so numerous and representative a gathering of Freemasons has been witnessed in the City as that which took place on Monday evening last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Edward Young Jolliffe P.M. 1400 as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. W. H. Froom. This Lodge, although comparatively young, has displayed the most gratifying evidences of vitality and progress, and numbers in its ranks many prominent members of the Craft, including the Lord Mayor; the Past Grand Treasurer of England (Bro. J. Derby Allcroft), and representatives both of Grand Lodge and of the Corporation of the City of London. By its steady and consistent support of the Charities attached to the Masonic Fraternity, it has already gained an enviable prestige amongst the metropolitan Lodges, and the assemblage on Monday evening of so many Grand Officers and others holding high rank in the Craft gave the most satisfactory

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evidence of the position which has already been gained by the Aldersgate Lodge. The brethren assembled soon after five o'clock, when Lodge was opened under the presidency of the retiring Master, Bro. W. H. Froom, who was supported by Bros. S. White I.P.M., E. Anderton S.W., J. Renals, C.C. (acting as J.W.), A. Brookman, C.C., P.M. Treasurer, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette (of Christ's Hospital) P.G. Chaplain Middlesex Secretary, A. B. Hudson, C.C., J.D., J. Larkin D.C., F. Crockford I.G., C. W. Lovett Organist, E. F. Brewster Fuller and M. R. Webb Stewards, G. Rawlinson W.S., Colonel S. H. Clerke P.G.D. Grand Secretary, and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, F.S.A., I.P.M. 2020 (honorary members); P.M.'s J. D. Allcroft P.M. Past Treasurer. G. Kenning, Dr. S. Benton; Bros P. E. R. Saillard, T. Benskin, W. S. Chapman, H. Matthews, W. W. Thompson, J. Shotter, H. Thomas Tyler, and others. The minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Finance Committee was submitted and adopted. It was resolved that the sum of 25 guineas should be voted from the funds of the Lodge in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The retiring Worshipful Master then vacated the chair, which was assumed by the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and Bro. Jolliffe was presented as Worshipful Master elect. A Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and the ceremony of installation was performed in a masterly manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Froom I.P.M., Edward Anderton S.W., George Vickery J.W., Alfred Brookman, C.C., P.M. Treasurer, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette P.M. Secretary, Joseph Reynolds P.M. S.D., A. B. Hudson, C.C., J.D., Fredk. Crockford I.G., John Larkin D. of C., C. W. Lovett Organist, Edmond F. Brewster Fuller and Matthew R. Webb Stewards, Geo. Rawlinson W.S., H. Thomas Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were effectively delivered by the Installing Master, whose working was much admired. On the arrival of the Lord Mayor, he was greeted with the honours. His Lordship was informed that at the last meeting, on the proposition of Bro. A. Brookman, he had been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The Lord Mayor briefly acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him. At the conclusion of some routine business Lodge was closed, and the members and visitors adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was provided under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. P. Swayne, the manager of the Albion. The usual prefatory toasts were duly honoured, that of the Grand Officers being responded to by Bro. Colonel Sir F. Burdett Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Froom, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, felt assured they would receive the name of Bro. Jolliffe with enthusiasm, for no member had ever been placed in the chair of that Lodge with more hearty goodwill on the part of the brethren. Bro. Jolliffe was the I.P.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, and also held high office in the Neptune Lodge; and they *most all* congratulate him upon the position he had now attained in *Aldersgate*. He had been asking himself how it was that Bro. Jolliffe had risen to that popularity, and he thought he saw it explained in the motto inscribed upon the banner which hung behind the Master's chair, *Tant que je puis*—"I do as much as I can." Had not Bro. Jolliffe been always doing as much as he could for Freemasonry in general, and this Lodge in particular? He was the most unselfish man they had ever met, working for the benefit of all around him. With such a character he thought he could ask the brethren to join with him in drinking to the health of their Worshipful Master in a bumper, wishing him health and prosperity during his year of office. Bro. Jolliffe, in acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, said he had the pleasure of being invited here (on the night this Lodge was consecrated) by an old friend of his, the present Master of St. Botolph. Since then he had received nothing but kindness from the whole of the brethren. He considered it to be a very great honour to be elected to the chair, and he only hoped that during his year of office he should so manage the affairs of the Lodge that when he left it they would speak as favourably of him as they had done that night. He then proposed the health of the Installing Master, to whom he considered the Lodge was under a great obligation for coming amongst them, knowing the many engagements the Grand Secretary had. No one was more welcome at their meetings than was Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and he might come amongst them even more frequently in the future. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke suitably acknowledged the toast. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, said that night they were honoured by the presence of his Lordship, and meeting, as they did, in his own ward—he being one of their honorary members, and several of their members being also connected with that ward—they felt it a great compliment that his Lordship should have come amongst them that evening. When they considered the many onerous duties that were connected with the office of Chief Magistrate of the City of London, they must regard it as a great favour that he should attend their installation meeting. He would only add a wish that Lord Mayor Staples might have the best of health given him to continue the functions of the high position which he had so ably fulfilled up to the present time. The Lord Mayor thanked the brethren very much indeed for the manner in which they had received the toast, and if he might be allowed to make one remark with reference to what the Worshipful Master had said when he spoke of the onerous duties the Lord Mayor had to perform, he hoped Bro. Jolliffe did not think that one of them was to have the pleasure of meeting the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge that night. He assured them it afforded him the utmost pleasure and satisfaction to have the opportunity of meeting the brethren of this Lodge, because there were so many of them whom he reckoned amongst his personal friends. The Lodge had a resting-place in his own ward, and all the associations, even to the little emblem that was upon the outside of their regalia, showed Aldersgate in all its beauty. He used the term advisedly. They had an illustration of what Alders Gate was when his fellow-citizens in the ward did him the honour of erecting a *fac-simile* of that ancient structure at the time he passed through the City as Lord Mayor. He appreciated that compliment very highly indeed, and appreciated it still. It was only a proof, if proof indeed were needed, of the feeling existing between himself and his neighbours in the ward for many years. He felt pleased at their spontaneous offer to elect him an honorary member of this Lodge, an honour which he did not expect, but which he highly valued; and he desired to see the continued prosperity of the Aldersgate Lodge. He was P.M. of another Lodge in the same ward, and he was glad to see the harmony which existed between the two. He trusted that Aldersgate ward, whether represented by the Aldersgate Lodge or the St. Botolph, would always continue to flourish in harmony, peace, and goodwill. He did not know there was any particular reason why the Lord Mayor should be Master of a Lodge, and he did not know that history gave them any precedent on that subject. But of late years they had had a fair number of Lord Mayors who presided over Masonic Lodges, and they had all been well spoken of and treated with respect. He hoped the same fate would be in store for him. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Visitors, and associated with the toast the names of Bros. General Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., and W. W. Martin W.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, who responded. The Worshipful Master gave the health of the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters of the Lodge, remarking that they were fortunate in having so many of the veterans present that evening. They spared neither time nor trouble in doing all they could for the benefit of the Lodge, and on this occasion he believed all the Past Masters of the Lodge were in attendance. As to the Immediate Past Master, whose name he would couple with the toast, he could say a great deal, but Bro. Froom said to him, in the proverbial word of *Punch*, "Don't!" Bro. Froom said the Past Masters, one and all, desired to do all they could to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and would render what counsel and assistance they could to the Worshipful Master during his year of office. In his capacity as I.P.M. he had been making some inquiries as to what his duties might be; and the only thing he could learn was that he was to support the Master whenever called upon. He assured Brother Jolliffe that he, as well as the other Past Masters, would be ever ready to support him to the utmost of their power during his year of office. In proposing the Officers of the Lodge the Master said he considered himself fortunate in being surrounded by such an efficient body; they were all thoroughly up to their work, and would discharge their duties well. Bro. E. Anderton S.W., whose name was coupled with the toast, said he had never accepted duty with more pleasure than at the present time, for their Worshipful Master had been associated with him in the work of the Lodge for many years. They had seen with interest and admiration the great amount of zeal and energy he had always thrown into the work, for the benefit of the Lodge and the Craft generally; and therefore it was they offered him their special congratulations upon having attained the position of Master of this Lodge. If anything could add to their satisfaction in this respect it was that Bro. Jolliffe had been installed in the presence of such a distinguished company. Nothing should be wanting on their part to continue to the end of his year of office the success which had so marked its commencement. Bro. J. Renals S.D. also responded. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, referred to the fact that Bro. Brookman was one of the first initiates in this Lodge, and had worked his way so well that now he held the honourable position of their Treasurer. He had discharged his duties with fervency and zeal, and was in all respects a model Officer. The duties of the Secretaryship some time ago became so heavy that he relieved Bro. Brette of them; but when it was the wish of the brethren that he (the speaker) should fill the chair, Bro. Brette came forward and said he would resume his old position. He spoke of the arduous duties both these Officers were called upon to perform, and concluded by eulogising the exertions of each in his respective sphere. Bro. A. Brookman, C.C., responding as a Past Master and Treasurer of the Lodge, said it would be in the recollection of the brethren that when election time was on in connection with the Lodge he was absent. He thought the office was one that might well be conferred upon another brother, as he had had so many honours "thrust upon him." He was the first of the initiates in this Lodge to reach the chair, and after the handsome treatment he then received, the brethren paid him the compliment to elect him as their Treasurer. Last year he thought the honour might be transferred, but in his absence the brethren again kindly re-elected him to the post, and he thanked them very much for the confidence they reposed in him. To be elected Treasurer of a Lodge was the greatest compliment in the power of the brethren to bestow upon one of their Past Masters, and especially in this Lodge, in which the office was at one time filled by that worthy and good philanthropist, Bro. John Derby Allcroft. When elected to succeed that brother, he felt it an especial honour, which he should appreciate as long as he lived. Still he should like that next year the office might pass from him; but, of course, having been re-elected, he was their servant, and as long as he remained in office he should endeavour to do his duty. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette P.M. acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him as Secretary, and assured the brethren it would be his duty and pleasure to do everything in his power, if spared during the next two years, to support Bro. Jolliffe in the chair, and as I.P.M., and to do all he could to render his year a happy and prosperous one. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, under the direction of Bro. R. Raynham, of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by Masters Humm and Lewis, Bros. J. Hodges, A. L. Fryer, R. De Lacy, and W. Winn.—*City Press.*

"ILLUSTRATIONS."—Mr. F. G. Heath's new pictorial threepenny review will, in its second (March) number, include "A scene at Balaclava—1854," by the author of "Lorna Doone;" also engravings, from the most recent portraits, of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Gladstone.

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A series of Masonic meetings will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd March, at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, under the auspices of the Hope and Charity Lodge 377, and Lechmere Lodge 1874, on which occasion the Collection of Masonic Works, Medals of all countries, Prints, Engravings, China, made by Bro. George Taylor, Provincial Grand Secretary, will be on view, for the purpose of affording the brethren an opportunity of inspection, prior to the Province taking measures for acquiring the same. On Monday, 1st March, at half-past six, the meeting will be under the auspices of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, when the Collection referred to above will in part be explained and described by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.M. 131 P.S.G.D. of England, &c. &c., especially in relation to the Four Grand Lodges and the United Grand Lodge of England. On Tuesday, 2nd March, at seven o'clock prompt, Bro. W. J. Hughan will lecture on the "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry." Towards defraying the cost of these meetings, brethren are requested to purchase tickets, which may be obtained of the W.M. and Secretary of each Lodge, or of the Hon. Secretaries, at one shilling for each meeting. On Wednesday, 3rd March, at eight o'clock, a Masonic Ball will be held at the Town Hall, when brethren and their friends, who so desire, may view the Collection previously. Further particulars may be had of Bro. W. C. Awdry, or Bro. D. Mackay, Hon. Secs., Bank Buildings, Kidderminster.

Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers at the installation meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge, on Monday, the 15th instant, made a happy allusion to the scheme which is in course of being matured for constituting the Isle of Man a separate Province. We are accustomed to look upon the Isle of Man as a stepping-stone between England and Ireland, and although the sister Isle has a separate constitution, it has always worked in consonance with the Grand Lodge of England. The few Lodges, however, in the Isle of Man have now petitioned that they may have a Provincial Grand Master in their own island, and we cannot but congratulate them upon the prospect of their wishes being realised. There can be no question whatever that they will be able to rule their Province in a way that will be satisfactory to themselves, but that they will form an integral part of the Grand Lodge of England. The "House of Keys" as the Isle of Man is frequently called, will undoubtedly justify the confidence which the Grand Lodge is only too ready to repose in it, and we shall "only be too glad," in the words of Sir Francis, "to have the opportunity of receiving the Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man on the daïs of the Grand Lodge of England." As "one of us," the Manx brethren will no doubt support the Craft as firmly and as substantially as any other of the Provinces have done since we have become a United Grand Lodge. We can only hope that the wishes expressed by the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex may be realised and that the new Province, when firmly established, as no doubt it will be in a very short time, will be attended with every success.

At the meeting to which we refer, Gen. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, was very happy in his reply to the toast of the Visitors. Visiting this Lodge, he said, called to mind some of his earliest associations, and carried him back to the time when he heard a great deal of Aldersgate Ward—not of the Aldersgate Lodge, because it was not then in existence—when his uncle was Alderman of that ward, for thirty years. He did not know he had a right to assume that his name should, therefore, be associated with such a toast in the City of London, but after what had fallen from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who had alluded to the interest which the Corporation took in the Craft, and the high position many of its members occupied in it, he did so with much pleasure, inasmuch as his ancestral connection with the Aldermanic bench was an interesting association. He heard it stated by the Lecture Master, at the inauguration of the Grand Master's Chapter, that there were many points of connection between the Corporation and the City of London and the Craft. They could all readily concur in the objects of the great Charities, which afforded assistance to many who were deserving, and some who were not. He reiterated that there was a great resemblance between the Corporation and the Craft, and concluded a happy speech by expressing the hope that their interests might be buttressed and defended against all assailants.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 17th inst., when Bro. Joshua Nunn, the President, and Bros. J. Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, the two Vice-Presidents, occupied their respective chairs. Grants made at the former meeting having been confirmed, the list of new cases were taken into consideration. There were thirty-eight petitions before the Board, and of these thirty-four were relieved, with a total of £1015. The four remaining cases were deferred. Previous to the conclusion of the business, notice was given of a proposition, in the name of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., that a sum of two hundred guineas be voted towards the fund now being raised at the Mansion House, under the auspices of Bro. the Lord Mayor, towards relieving the distress among the unemployed of London.

We understand that Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., has retired from his candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer, for which he was nominated at the December Communication of Grand Lodge. There are, therefore, only two candidates now before the Craft, Bro. R. B. Martin P.M. and Treas. 1506, and Bro. D. P. Cama W.M. 2105.

We are assured our readers will not feel aggrieved with us for reproducing the following gracefully expressed compliment of our contemporary, the *Keystone*:—

"Our congratulations are fraternally extended to our excellent contemporary, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of London, as it enters upon its twenty-third volume of publication. It is ably conducted, very readable, and always instructive. It knows what to publish, and what to cast into the waste paper basket. Our English Brethren are especially fortunate in both of their Craft weeklies, which keep us and them properly informed concerning current Masonic thought and action in the great Masonic jurisdictions of England, Scotland and Ireland. We wish the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE increased success in dispensing Masonic light and knowledge."

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 20th February 1886:—

Monday—Philanthropic Ball, Grand Master's Lodge, British Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Enoch Chapter, Salisbury Lodge, Industry Chapter, Ebury Chapter. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Oak Lodge, Noviomagus, Hackney Carriage Proprietors. Thursday—Universal Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, Globe Lodge, Holborn C.C. Ball. Friday—Jordan Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge. Saturday—Tottenham House Ball.

An interesting window has been erected in memory of Mrs. Houlbrook, who, it will be remembered, lost her life last year in the collision in the Irish Channel with her Majesty's ship Hecla. The window has been executed by Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, for Christ Church, Hendon, where Mrs. Houlbrook resided, the subjects, "Faith and Charity," typically representing the virtues by which she had endeared herself in the neighbourhood.

Obituary.

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RIGHT HON. LORD WAVENEY, P.G.M. SUFFOLK.

It is with extreme regret we have to record another death among the Provincial Grand Masters of England—Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, Masonic ruler of the county of Suffolk, died a few days since. By his decease Masonry loses one of its most popular chiefs; a brother who was honoured and revered throughout his district, and in every part of the country where he was known. He was truly "a fine old English gentleman, one of the olden time," a brother who thoroughly appreciated the teachings of Freemasonry, and who loved to see its lessons acted up to in the fullest sense. His connection with the Order dated back a considerable period; indeed, only at the last meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Lowestoft, in July, he said, in response to the toast of his health, "he believed he was one of the oldest Masons in the county, having been initiated in the year 1828." He took a personal interest in the Masonic work of his district, and was never behind in his support of any worthy act proposed for the benefit of the brethren under his rule.

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CHARITY—ITS MASONIC IMPORT.

CHARITY is a word that requires several forms of definition to express its full meaning. In one of its proper uses it points to that active beneficence which is exercised by those who seek to give help and relief to distressed humanity. It implies a practical ministry to the wants of the unfortunate; a willing service of benevolence performed as opportunity may offer; a giving and doing for the good of others according to whatever are the resources available. Charity, as thus defined, is a virtue specially commended in the teachings of Freemasonry, and its practice is enjoined upon every Craftsman.

The word may be used in another sense, however, and given a meaning which signifies vastly more of noble character and true service than is implied by the former rendering. Charity denotes a fundamental principle of generous thought and feeling—a disposition that disposes a man to be kind and forbearing to his associates, to regard their conduct in the best light possible, and to refrain from attributing to them base motives. It is a potential grace of character, always prompting the heart in which it bears rule "quietly to hear, kindly to judge." Such an one will put the best construction on the acts and motives of others, being moved to take an optimistic rather than a pessimistic view of man and the world.

A Brother who has become imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry will manifest charity in this form of its expression. He will not exhibit that severity and haste of judgment which so often cuts to the heart, and accomplishes but little of good. He will remember how limited we are in the knowledge of men—that we cannot read their hearts—that we are unable to understand the motives, purposes and circumstances which may have influenced them, and hence will conclude that much of charitable judgment is demanded. Even where human conduct is clearly wrong—where there are just grounds of criticism and censure—a Brother in whom charity has come to be a ruling force ought to be generous, forbearing, forgiving. He who is hard and unpitying, severe and *relentless*, in his treatment of those who may have been at *fault* in some things, is no true representative of Freemasonry. The Craftsman who is under the control of enmity and resentment, so that he is pitiless in his judgment, never disposed to palliate offences or forgive the transgressor, and who despises those who fail to meet all the tests of his requirements, partakes more of the spirit of the world than of the spirit of that Fraternity in which he has taken membership. Most certainly he lacks that queenly grace of charity—to possess which is a better endowment of life than the understanding of all mysteries, for Charity is of God and the greatest of Heaven's gifts to man.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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The Modern Kitchen Oracle. A culinary magazine. By Samuel Hobbs, formerly *Chef de Cuisine* to Messrs. Gunter and Co., of Berkeley Square. London: Dean and Son, 160a Fleet-street, E.C.

We have so many books on culinary subjects, under the comprehensive title of "cookery books," that one might almost imagine that our stock of information on the science of gastronomy was complete. But when such an experienced man as the *chef de cuisine* to "Gunter's" turns his attention to the subject we naturally expect a practical addition to the knowledge which has been imparted to us by compilers whose chief merit lies in theory. The great point aimed at by Mr. Hobbs is to tell his readers how to cook the most *récherché* dinners, and meals which shall be as little expensive as possible—the great fault of most of our cookery books being that the instructions given for manipulating the most ordinary dishes are too lavish for economical households. In this magazine, which is to be published in twelve sixpenny monthly parts, there will be given a *menu* for each month, with its requisition list, and also a list of dishes suitable for breakfast, luncheon, supper, and other collations. Clear directions are also given how to prepare each dish and its belongings, how to serve a dinner, large or small, and when to commence its preparation. It is pointed out that so many changes have taken place in the gastronomic tastes and habits of all classes of society that one-half the works on cookery hitherto attempted have become almost obsolete and out of date, many of them being written by foreigners, who did not know our tastes and proclivities in the way of food, and what is now promised and needed is a plain direction in culinary operation, divested of superfluous and expensive ornamentation. Forty years' experience in the best kitchens in the metropolis will be brought to bear to ensure the success of this work of information to those wishing to become accomplished cooks; and we predict for it an extensive circulation amongst those families to whom a properly-cooked and well-served dinner is an object of primary consideration in the daily routine.

Bow Bells Almanac for 1886. London: John Dicks, 313 Strand.

It seems rather late in the year to be in receipt of "annuals," but this production by Mr. Dicks is worthy of mention, if only for the artistic style in which it is got up, and the vast amount of information it contains. One reason, probably, for its apparently tardy issue is that it is made to include the official list of all the members elected to the new Parliament, also revised Peerage, and members of the Privy Council revised to date. This compendious almanac, which is profusely embellished with engravings, contains a great variety of useful and interesting information, and it is only on a par with the other marvellously cheap productions by this well-known publisher that so enormous and valuable a budget is presented to the public at the ridiculously low price of sixpence.

Printers', Stationers', and Kindred Traders' Effective Advertiser. London: Baker and Symes, 60 Ludgate-hill, E.C.

The seventeenth issue of this monthly trade circular is to hand, and it contains a variety of information and hints on matters in which the traders named are interested. The "trade notes" are crisp and up to date, and are written by one who evidently is conversant with the subject which he is called upon to treat of, while the "random papers," appropriately for this month, deal exclusively with valentines. There are papers on "International Contract," "Printing for Profit," "Cheap Books," and other miscellaneous subjects, all of which are of interest to those engaged in various branches of printing, stationery, and newspaper trades.

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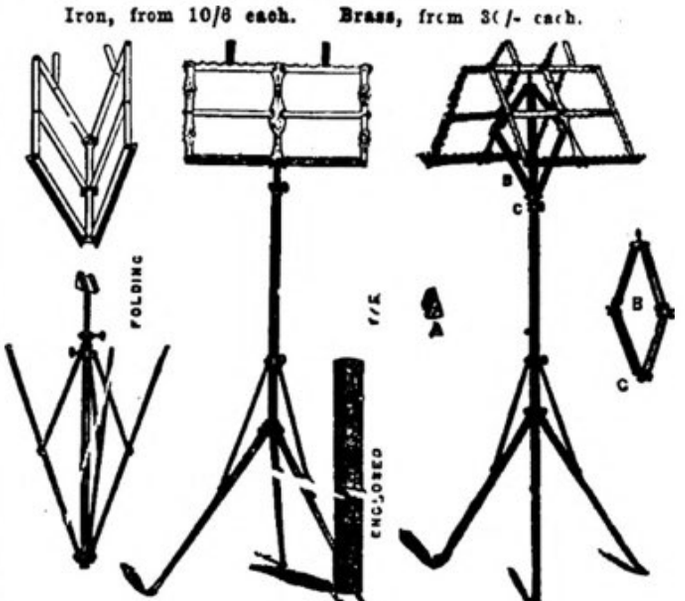

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It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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CENTENARY OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

A FESTIVAL in celebration of the completion of one hundred years of continuous working by the Domatic Lodge, now No. 177, took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. It was found necessary to hold the meeting away from the regular home of the Lodge—Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street—in consequence of the capabilities of that establishment being unequal to meet the requirements demanded by this special meeting. This will be readily understood when we say that accommodation had to be made for the comfort of two hundred and fifty guests, and ample as are the capabilities of Brother Clemow's establishment for ordinary occasions, this special gathering was too much for him to undertake, the brethren therefore assembled at the Criterion, and there the company was so numerous as even to tax this popular establishment to its fullest extent. The following is a list of those present:—

Bros. H. N. Price W.M., A. Simner S.W., H. J. Chapman J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Sec., R. Harvey S.D. J. Sadler-Wood J.D., N. Salmon I.G., J. E. Spurrell D.C., Carl Riechelmann Organist; P.M.'s R. Baker, W. F. Smith, J. R. Foulger, J. E. Walford, W. J. Ferguson, J. Willing jun., E. White, W. M. Foxcroft, I. Buscall, J. McLean, H. N. Bowman Spink, W. Herbage, R. Pierpoint; also Bros. G. Plummer, J. Richards, R. E. Clarke, S. Knott, J. L. Edward, J. Anley, W. E. Wigmore, W. H. Woods, J. T. Falshaw, A. Scard, G. Clarke, J. S. Bareham, T. B. Goodfellow, H. Durham, C. Norris, D. Plenderleith, E. A. Brown, T. Holder, G. L. Everett, F. J. Harding, R. Osborne, J. Kent, W. J. Bennett, J. Billinghurst, S. R. Stevens, W. Millen, A. Piper, G. Blakesley, W. Blitz, E. Sans, F. J. Page, W. T. Edwards, D. A. Ball, H. Taylor, G. Kendall, J. H. Page, J. Manning, G. Gardner, J. Perry, J. Manley Birch, T. J. Ings, J. W. Robinson, F. Cole, A. H. Wilson, P. B. Harris, C. Torriani, W. Hanes, E. J. Appleyard, G. L. Turner, H. A. Bongers, J. Beales, J. Wilson, E. R. May, H. B. Hardt, H. A. K. Davis, J. Moore, J. H. Selby, J. Barnett jun., G. A. Weston, A. Grace, J. Tingley, J. Thwaites, H. F. Pardy, C. Mills, T. N. Morris, E. Melson, A. J. White, C. Anderberg, J. Webster, T. W. Trodd, J. Stephens, R. Hewetson, A. F. Peacock, E. A. G. Smith, T. H. Hobbs, R. Williamson, John Anley jun., J. J. Elliott. The Visitors present were:—Bros. Major-General Swinburne Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., F. A. Philbrick G. Reg., A. M. Broadley P.D.G.M. Malta, F. Binckes P.G. Steward Sec. R.M.I.B., James Terry P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts Sec. R.M.B.I., R. R. Harper P.M. 813, V. Turner P.M. 72, S. Brooks P.M. 1608, J. Webster 1567, L. A. Da Costa J.D. 1349, C. Ratcliff 1380, John Oldis W.M. 1288, R. S. Sly W.M. 1625, H. Fruen 2012, H. Curtis S. 1425, J. R. Duff 1339, M. J. Rowley 1507, G. Dickinson S.D. 1681, G. Hardy 2045, W. Clowes 2012, A. J. Coleman 1426, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2048, R. W. Hunter S. 1685, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, J. Da Silva P.M. 205, Thomas Bates 1563, W. J. Lano

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S.W. 127, W. E. Williams P.M. 162, G. Ransford S.D. 1512, J. T. Salmon S.W. 917, E. F. Crowe S.D. 1828, F. Hill J.W. 1563, M. J. Wrangham P.M. 619, W. Smith J.W. 228, J. H. Laurie 2 (Nova Scotia), Michael Marks 185, W. R. Barnett P.M. 749, D. Rose P.M. 73, J. L. Hume J.D. 144, R. H. Blades 256, S. Walford 569, W. Kingwell J.D. 1512, W. Vogt 55, H. G. Stranger P.M. 1381, Robert H. Clemow 1589, W. Cook W.M. 1597, W. H. Smith P.M. 108, C. W. Hudson P.P.G.D.C. Sussex P.M. 315 1540 &c., A. Penett 834, C. Graham W.M. 874 S.G.D. Middlesex, W. W. Morgan jun., G. W. Knight S.W. 1507, J. Britton S.W. 1613, G. T. N. Fannan 1257, A. J. Potter 813, F. A. Smith J.W. 1669, J. B. Reid 1364, J. Gibbs W.M. 1613, D. Dé Pinna (F.C.) 2030, J. Parsons P.M. 502, J. C. Whiddington D.C. 1027, Keller, H. Smith 1848, G. Bigley 1298, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144 A. W. Lane 167, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209 591 1871, &c. P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, G. Croxton P.M. 1769, T. G. Willis 11, T. Meekham P.M. 1288, H. E. Pollard J.D. 4, James Burroughs P.M. 58, F. S. Lelen 100, John Lelen 1636, F. Robinson 100, H. G. Hill 2012, R. Barham Past Master 144, A. Holt 1744, T. Butt Past Master 700, W. E. Collett 1470, W. N. Price 1816, T. M. Coleman 192, A. E. Painter 198, J. W. Chapman Immediate Past Master 1922, G. E. Goodinge P.M. 171, W. H. Collbrand 1567, Alfred Powles W.M. 1901, G. F. Edwards J.D. 766, W. F. Packer I.G. 1571, H. E. Price 1744, W. A. Dowling S.D. 2012, G. B. Wood 1339, G. B. Arnold 1613, J. Wardley 1381, Franklin Clive 1319, W. Dodson P.M. 860, J. Greenfield W.M. 795, Capt. Baker P.M. 180, E. T. Westwood 193, J. H. Batty P.M. 22, George Price 619, C. Cutbush 1987, W. J. Innes 1928, W. Hudson No. 1 (Scotland), H. Dickey S.W. 1744, and others.

The Lodge having been formally opened and the minutes confirmed, the Worshipful Master proceeded to raise Bro. Webster, after which he initiated Messrs. T. H. Hobbs, R. Williamson, J. Anley jun., and J. J. Elliott, and then passed Bros. T. W. Trodd, R. Hewetson, A. F. Peacock, and E. A. G. Smith (members of the Lodge), together with Brother J. H. Laurie, son of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who is at present on a visit to this country. Before the Lodge was closed Col. Clerke rose; he had the pleasure of presenting to the W.M. the first centenary jewel of the Domatic Lodge. The Lodges which had attained the hundredth year of their existence were now getting more numerous than was formerly the case. Whatever pride and pleasure he had on the present occasion he thought it must be a still greater pride and pleasure to the W.M. to be the recipient of the first centenary jewel which the Lodge, on the completion of its centenary, voted him. He was instructed to say that this was given as a very slight recognition by the Lodge of the services Bro. H. Nelson Price had during his tenure of office rendered to the Lodge, and to assure him they felt that during the remainder of his term he would give them as much satisfaction as hitherto. The brethren had asked him, in their name, and on their behalf, to present Bro. Price with this first centenary jewel, and it was unnecessary for him to say that he accepted the duty with great pleasure indeed, and he congratulated the W.M. on being President of the Lodge on such an interesting occasion. Bro. Price, in thanking Col. Clerke and the Lodge, said he felt it a very high honour to receive this jewel, and the honour was greatly enhanced by the very happy terms with which the Grand Secretary had accompanied the presentation. He trusted Col. Clerke's remarks would be verified; he should certainly do everything he possibly could worthily to fill the high position in which he was placed, and to sustain the Lodge in the exalted position it now occupied in the Craft; at the same time he should study the harmony and happiness of the brethren. Bro. Spurrell then read the Grand Lodge warrant authorising the members of the Lodge so long as they continued subscribing members of the Lodge to wear the centenary jewel. Shortly afterwards the Lodge was closed, and the brethren assembled in the large dining hall to banquet. When this was disposed of the toasts were proposed. After the Queen and the Craft had been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master said the Prince of Wales was the most popular man in the world. During the eleven years His Royal Highness had occupied the position of Grand Master Freemasonry had made great strides, not only in the number of Lodges and the number of members of the Craft, but also in the amount distributed by its Charitable Institutions. He was sure that while His Royal Highness was able to devote time to Freemasonry it would flourish even more in the future than it had in the past. Bro. Ferguson proposed the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past;—brethren who had taken so much interest in the welfare of the Craft, and brought it to its present state of perfection. They had the respect of every one living, wherever the English language was spoken. Wheresoever Masonry existed the Grand Lodge of England was held in the highest respect. That had arisen, doubtless, from the fact of such distinguished and earnest brethren presiding over it. Both in the past and the present such brethren had given their careful and anxious thoughts to promoting the interests of Freemasonry. Those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge had seen the manner the Earl of Carnarvon presided; he had set an example to every one who might preside over any great assembly. In coupling the name of the Grand Secretary with this toast, he reminded the brethren that Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was universally known. He had endeavoured to assist the Craft in every way, and when he was appealed to on any point of difficulty he solved the matter in the most satisfactory manner. It was clear to the brethren he had Freemasonry at heart. Col. Clerke in reply said, he was not in the least prepared to return thanks for this toast, because their worthy and distinguished brother on his left (Bro. Philbrick) was his senior, and to him should have fallen the duty to answer. But the Grand Registrar was about to speak on another subject. Thanking the brethren for the compliment just paid, he could not but remark that the toast was a most important one, because it comprised such a large number of good and worthy gentlemen, of every social position in life. Not to speak of those distinguished noblemen, Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, there was a large array of Present and Past Grand Officers, who were only too grateful for the kind recognition they always received from their brethren in Masonry. They had done their best to promote its interests, and they were fortunate enough to be selected by the M.W.G.M. from time to time to receive distinction at his hands. He could only hope that there were many in the room to whom the distinction would come in the fulness of time. The G. Officers were always happy to receive recognition of their services, and it was a great pleasure to those who were present that night to have visited the Lodge. It was certainly a pleasure to him, and he knew it was to the Grand Registrar. The occasion was exceedingly interesting—it was the centenary year of the Lodge. At the present day there frequently were such celebrations, because Lodges were working up to their one hundredth year. But it was not always that a Lodge which dated back 100 years could prove its centenary, because at headquarters they had not only to be satisfied that a Lodge was founded 100 years ago, but also that it had worked continuously 100 years. Many a Lodge had been refused its centenary warrant because it could not show its centenary existence. The Domatic Lodge, however, was fortunate, as it was seen at a glance that it had worked continuously for a century. It was, therefore, entitled to its centenary warrant, and it had received it without delay. The Grand Officers were present that night to congratulate the Lodge very heartily indeed, and this he did in the name of the absent as well as in the name of those who were present. They also wished the Lodge every success in the future, and hoped the day would come, though none of those present would see it, when the Domatic Lodge would celebrate its second centenary. Bro. Pierpoint I.P.M. rose to exercise the privilege which his position allowed him, the privilege was a most pleasurable one; to propose the health of their worthy and highly esteemed Worshipful Master. The W.M. that evening stood in a position of which he was very proud, he was well known to the brethren of the Domatic Lodge, if not to the Visitors. His genial and cordial manner, both in Lodge and out of it, had gained for him the good will and affection of the brethren. They had in him a Master they were all proud of. He could only wish him a most pleasant year of office. From his Officers he would receive every support, as well as from every member of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said there were some periods in a man's life-time—in the history of it at all events—when he could scarcely be coherent; he did not mean after dinner; but when a man had a certain amount of honour placed upon him it was a very difficult matter for him to find words adequately to express his high appreciation. Now, he had had great honour placed upon him that evening, more especially by the way in which the I.P.M. had proposed this toast. He could only say that if he was half as good as Bro. Pierpoint had represented to them he should consider himself a better man than he thought he was. However, he should endeavour to be so. As far as the Domatic Lodge was concerned, he was quite sure it would be his study to use his best endeavours to keep it in the high position in which it now stood; also to do all in his power to enhance the comfort and happiness of the brethren. While the Lodge remained in the same harmonious condition, while the same unanimity of opinion continued, it would be as prosperous as it was now. It was a great honour to be the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for such an important period. He hoped he should be able to get through the year to the satisfaction of the brethren and reflect a little credit on himself. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar said a great honour had been conferred upon him by the Worshipful Master, an honour of which he felt duly sensible—to propose Prosperity to the Lodge, the centenary of which they were met to celebrate. Possibly the W.M., and if not he, certainly some of the brethren whom he had the privilege of addressing, had either said, or heard said, that the toast of the evening was about to be proposed, and he had heard distinguished orators advance many and great reasons why the toast the company was being asked to honour should be esteemed the toast of the evening. He would advance no reasons, he would utter no word, to commend to the brethren this as the toast of the evening; it recommended itself in that assembly. They who were met after 100 years of the world's history, of the history of Masonry passed by, to celebrate the anniversary of the inauguration of this Lodge, at such a distant period, knew well enough that such a meeting must be of rare occurrence in the annals of the Craft, must be singularly noted in the records of Masonry, and must commend itself to all who were present to take part in it. As the Grand Secretary had remarked, the course of the Domatic Lodge had been plain and clear. It had run in an unbroken channel for a century; it began life before the great disturbance which led to the first French Revolution startled the world; it had seen the kingdoms of Europe shaken and the map of Europe divided and divided again; it had witnessed the struggle for existence which their kingdom waged against the great conqueror of Europe; it had seen how the powers of Europe were allied against this country; it witnessed the overthrow of 1814; it passed the hundred days; and he had no doubt if they could go back seventy years it took its own part in the rejoicings after Waterloo. He hoped he might be pardoned if he appeared to dilate on topics of ancient history; but when they celebrated one hundred years, they meant all that those one hundred years contained. When, after that great conflict, this nation emerged with honour to itself, and at the head of the powers of Europe, and all that depended for inward life and for national vigour upon the maintenance and the continuance of the English nation, it revived and flourished afresh; he made no excuse in an assembly of Englishmen for reminding them of that which was dear to their forefathers, which was an object of solicitude to them; but which had placed us in the position we now so proudly filled. And, turning from the history of the nation to the history of the Lodge, he congratulated the Worshipful Master and the brethren on the position which at the end of this century the Lodge found itself in. It was said by those who understood horticulture that the fruit of an old tree showed all the qualities of the race, and the best qualities in perfection. He congratulated the W.M. and the brethren of the Lodge that the old tree could still bear fresh fruit, and he trusted that the motto of horticulture would be realised in the Lodge,

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and that the initiates of that night would bear out the principles that had been inculcated in them, and which were taught in that Lodge. It had had a long career, and he was pleased to see that a worthy historian had recorded so much of the annals of the Lodge. In the interesting résumé placed in their hands he saw some things which would do honour to the Lodge. Some, however, were different to what he had seen in some Lodge annals. In such he and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had sometimes seen how brethren had managed to get warrants and contrived to dispose of one of them, which was utterly opposed to anything now considered right; but he had no doubt was perfectly convenient and acceptable to the brethren of the past; he had seen how, in the graphic records of the Lodge—and our Lodge histories were like our English histories—some brethren present, no doubt, had watched or seen what had been done with regard to the Commission which had been looking at the records and manuscripts in our English families. Some might have noticed how the Commission had found among our English annals and in the records of the country which still remained, some of the most interesting details, not merely of political, but of domestic life, which shed a light on the manners and customs of our ancestors, and which, possibly, explained some of those things which we, as Englishmen, had a difficulty to explain unless we saw their origin. Now, he should be utterly puzzled if going from the Lodge that night there was any disturbance. He did not suppose there would be one, or that the riots would have got so far as the sacred precincts of a Lodge, but if a brother was to say to somebody else that he was a "snake against the Lodge," he did not know that he should attach any particular meaning to it unless he had this book; but here he found, in the interesting and graphic records of nearly a century ago, that a brother who did not belong to the Lodge had disturbed its harmony and told a brother of the Lodge that he was a snake against it: the words as recorded by the Secretary were—"he was a snake agen him."—and the self-contained dignity of the Lodge was sufficient to say that the visitor who had thus committed himself should merely be punished by exclusion from the Lodge for the time being. He thought this showed not only great courage and great fidelity in the Secretary of that period to record that which a century afterwards became an interesting event, but it showed that the Lodge at that time was sufficiently founded, and felt sufficient strength in its own dignity, to be able to deal with an incident of that kind as it so thoroughly deserved. Having seen, by the kindness of the Lodge's present admirable Secretary, a proof of this history in advance, he was enabled to cast his eye through it before he came to the Lodge, and he could say, as it began so it was worthily carried on, and he thought the success it had attained at the present moment was the best guarantee for the usefulness of the Lodge and for the fidelity with which it had adhered to the great traditions. Apologising for detaining them so long, he hoped they would forgive him for having made remarks upon the interesting records he had referred to. It was not every Lodge, nay indeed, there were very few Lodges in the Craft, that presented a perfect record like this one, and he scarcely knew one that had added to a mere record of events in Masonry matters like those he had called attention to what gave a life and a real interest to the dry minutes of ordinary proceedings. And now he would turn to the present. He would venture to offer to the brethren the hearty congratulations of the Grand Officers and Visitors on the position of the Lodge, on the numerous gathering, and the Masonic spirit which animated it. They were met on an occasion which was rare in the annals of Freemasonry. When, with a light heart and an easy voice, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke talked about these incidents getting common—well, for him to celebrate a hundredth birthday might not be a rare occurrence, but for him (Bro. Philbrick) it was, and he felt the honour of the occasion, and that it was worthy of remark; and when he saw the great gathering, and witnessed the interest the brethren took in the proceedings, he felt that it was no common subject of interest that had brought them together. They were met to wish prosperity to the Lodge, and to congratulate it upon the hundredth year of its existence. They hoped also that it would celebrate its bi-centenary which had already been indicated. Long might it continue to cherish the true principles of Freemasonry, and to have worthy Masons belonging to it; long might it recruit its members from men who would do justice to it, and in time rise up to administer its concerns with faithfulness and fidelity; long might its success be great, and long might its prosperity continue. Bro. G. Everett Past Master and Treasurer responded; he said to be the mouthpiece of the Lodge was an honour, and he thanked the brethren heartily and cordially for the way they had received the toast. It was a great day in the Lodge's history. On the occasion of the attainment of the 100th year of the Lodge's existence it could not but be gratifying to the feelings of all concerned, especially to those who had been so many years connected with it, as were those on his right, to go into the Lodge history. In December a hundred years ago the Lodge met at a small house—the Ship, in Little Turnstile. Only Operative Masons could belong to it. During the first year of its existence two persons were proposed as joining members who were not Operative Masons. In 1787, the second year of the Lodge's existence, the Lodge was not opened on one night because the landlady was sick. On another occasion, in 1792, one Adams, Esq., applied for relief, and was relieved to the extent of 8s 2d. The Lodge from time to time removed from one house to another, till it got to the Green Dragon, Fleet-street, to the Falcon, in Fetter-lane, where it was held for 20 years, and where he (Bro. Everett) became a member in 1885. It afterwards went to Anderton's Hotel, where it had been for the last twenty-two years, and where it had prospered. But of all this he did not propose to speak. The brethren would be able to read this for themselves. At the present time it had 148 members, and the Lodge paid every year on an average £45 to Grand Lodge. For the last seven years they had voted twenty-five guineas to each of the Charities, and he hoped they would continue to be able to do so. In spite of all that they held themselves well. They had very much to be proud of, for all this was done out of a subscription of two and a half guineas a year. Bros. R. Williams, T. H. Hobbs, J. Anley, and Elliott responded for the Initiates. Bro. Fenlger P.M. proposed the Visitors, and Brother General Laurie, G.M. of Nova Scotia, in responding, said that thirty-two years ago he was initiated in Lodge No. 176, so that he was not a stranger to this jurisdiction, as that Lodge was under the Grand Lodge of England. He then thanked the Lodge for having given his son the degree. He could have given him a dispensation for taking his three degrees before leaving Nova Scotia; but he thought it would not be right to allow any ties of blood to interfere with the usual course. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters, 13 of whom were present. They attended numerously, and they always endeavoured to be of service to the Lodge. There were no less than 101 members of the Lodge present, which was an extraordinary coincidence on the 100th year of its existence; 100 members gave one for each year, and there was one over for the ensuing year. Bro. W. F. Smith responded. Bro. E. White P.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, both of whom had worked very hard, and with a great deal of energy, to promote the welfare of the Lodge on all occasions; he referred to the fact that there were one hundred and forty-eight members of the Lodge to show what a vast deal of work there must be for these Officers. Bros. Everett and Morris responded. Brother Herbig P.M. proposed the Officers; he said there had been a succession of good Officers. No brother accepted office who did not feel himself bound to attain proficiency. If this continued the prestige of the Lodge must be maintained. The S.W. and Bro. Spurrell D.C. responded, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. During the evening some excellent singing was given—under the direction of Bro. Riechelmann—by Madame Riechelmann, and Bros. W. F. Packer and Franklin Clive. The arrangements for the comfort of the brethren and the success of the festival were unexceptionable, and reflected the greatest credit on Brother J. E. Spurrell D.C. and acting Steward, who left no stone unturned to give satisfaction to the members and visitors to the Lodge.

WHARTON LODGE, No. 2045.

THE anniversary of this popular young Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, when the first Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Side, installed his successor, Bro. James Jackson Gawith. Lodge was opened at five o'clock at the White Hart Hotel, Willesden, where Bro. Side was supported by Bros. F. Davison P.G D. (hon. member), the Officers and members of his Lodge, and the following Visitors: Bros. F. Briggs 25, Lewis Ascott P.M. 733, John Vale 901, J. Stephens 177 W.M. 1425, S. R. Walker P.M. 733, G. Davis P.M. 1632, D. Hughes P.M. 901, James Crook 1637, John Hughes P.M. 901, W. W. Stanger P.M. 197 P.G.S., A. F. Peacock 177, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, G. A. Duke 1608, W. F. Boydell 1981, F. A. Russell 1996, J. Chivers 901, H. T. Reed 1287, F. C. Frye P.M. 1642. After the minutes of the Lodge meeting of the 20th of October 1885, and those of Emergency Meeting of February 1886, had been read for confirmation and passed, the Report of the Audit Committee was presented. The period comprised in the first year's (so-called) working covered 18 months, and undoubtedly the first W.M. has made good use of his opportunities. The Lodge now boasts of something like forty members on its roll; it has defrayed all liabilities attaching to its formation, and the second Master inaugurates his reign with a substantial balance to the good. In due course our Rev. Bro. Wharton, after whom the Lodge is named, presented the W.M. elect, and Bro. Side performed the ceremony of installation in an eminently satisfactory way. After the Board of Installed Masters had been closed, the Worshipful Master was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following as his Officers: Bros. D. Stroud S.W., W. Thomas J.W., J. C. Wharton P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Mills Secretary, A. R. Brede S.D., W. H. Hargrave J.D., J. Salmon I.G., C. J. Wharton D.C., and G. Thomas Tyler. Brother Side then completed the installation ceremony, giving a scholarly interpretation of the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren, and was rewarded for the services he had rendered to the Lodge, as Founder and first Worshipful Master, by the presentation of an elegant Past Master's jewel; this he gracefully but briefly acknowledged. Bro. Wharton then announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent, and pointed out the absolute needs of this Institution at the present time. His appeal was rewarded by a vote of ten guineas from the Lodge funds. Hearty good wishes having been tendered, and other routine matters duly disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast Bro. Gawith, on rising to propose the toast of the Queen, intimated that it was his intention to adhere strictly to short speeches during his term of office. The toast having been honoured, it was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. F. Davison P.G.D., who in reply remarked that the capital music he had just listened to had somewhat diverted his attention. He had really not had an opportunity to consider the remarks he should offer in reply; however, it would be conceded on all hands that the Prince of Wales was a thorough Mason at heart. He had many calls on his time, but the readiness with which he on all occasions responded to the exigencies of his public duties was thoroughly appreciated by Englishmen. As Freemasons we could not possibly have a better Master than the Prince of Wales. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren most heartily for the reception they had given to the toast, and, personally, he was much gratified at the success the brethren had achieved. He was present at the consecration of the Lodge, and trusted it would long continue its career of prosperity. The present Worshipful Master was an old friend, and he augured much happiness for the brethren from Bro. Gawith's Mastership of the Lodge. Bro. Side proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, in brief but happy terms. After a song by Bro. Marshall—the Powder Monkey

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—the Worshipful Master rose to respond. It gave him great pleasure to reply to the toast so kindly given by the Immediate Past Master. He (the W.M.) was but a young Mason, but he had had some experience, having served as Master in another Lodge. He was consequently a P.M., but he confessed he had not hitherto had much opportunity for working; still he trusted when occasion served he should be found capable of fulfilling his duties. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, had been its Secretary, and now, as its Master, the welfare of the Lodge should receive his best attention. Unfortunately, during the last year he had had the misfortune to break his leg, and he took this opportunity of acknowledging the kind assistance and ready help he had received at all times from Bro. Wharton. After a humorous song, admirably sung by Brother Thomas, Bro. Wharton proposed the health of Brother Side. When the present Worshipful Master presented the jewel to the Immediate Past Master he had referred to his so doing as being a sign of the decline of Bro. Side's reign, however, he had had eighteen months of active service, which had resulted in placing the Lodge, in which he (Bro. Wharton) took so much pride, on a sound and substantial basis. Brother Side had had an arduous time, but he had brought to bear upon his duties sound experience, which in the future would bear good fruit. Bro. Peacock next sang "Jack's Yarn," to the accompaniment of Brother Biggs, and then Bro. Side replied to the toast. He rose with some amount of diffidence, inasmuch as he had entered on a new capacity. It was some time since he had undertaken the duties of Immediate Past Master, but he hoped, with a little brushing up, to do what was required of him. As first Master and founder he was proud to see the position the Wharton Lodge had secured for itself during the time it had been under his government. His humble services would ever be at the command of the Lodge. He thanked the brethren heartily for the reception and support they had given him; this had enabled him to uphold the honour, dignity and reputation of Freemasonry. He trusted he might fully realise the kind aspirations of Brother Wharton, who, he thought, had said far too many kind things of him. For the Visitors Bros. Stephens, Stiles, Davis, and others replied. Bro. Wharton acknowledged the toast of Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas that of the Officers. Shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. We congratulate our Rev. Bro. Wharton on the bright future which presents itself to the well wishers of the Lodge which bears his name.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Clare, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., when Bro. Thomas Stokoe was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. E. Barnes, presided, and the following brethren were present:—Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Eng. Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, Rev. J. Sedgwick, D.D., P.M. 1823 P.P.G.C. Eng., *C. H.* Vincent P.M. 1823 P.G.R. Suffolk, S. C. Cooke P.M. 1823 *P.G.J.D.* Suffolk, Col. Herbert P.M. 178, Jos. Bell P.M. 1280 P.G.J.W. Essex, Rev. J. F. Wilkinson 1224 P.G.C. Suffolk, R. E. Cooper 938, B. H. Hurst 1224, F. W. Doubleday 85, Rev. B. B. Srer, C. S. Goodchild, Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, W. L. Fenner, F. C. Wayman, W. J. Ward, A. Boa, C. F. Freeman. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Martyn, and the first duty of the newly-installed Master was to present to his predecessor, Bro. J. E. Barnes, a P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the Officers and brethren. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Syer S.W., Goodchild J.W., Vatcher Chap., Tandy P.G.S.W. Essex Treasurer, Vincent Secretary, Fenner S.D., Wayman J.D., Boa D.C., Ward I.G., D. F. Glazio Tyler. The W.M. presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of the mural tablet recently erected in Clare Church to the memory of the late W.M. H.R.H. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G., of which photograph Brother General Cecil Ives P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk has kindly presented a copy to each subscriber to the memorial fund. Gen. Ives has received the thanks of Her Majesty the Queen and their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Albany for photographs forwarded to them, the Duchess expressing herself as "deeply touched by the mark of respect paid by the brethren to her beloved husband." The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet at the Half Moon Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the W.M., who was well supported, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being heartily received.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, 17th instant.—Bros. D. Moss W.M., W. Saint S.W., J. Gildersleve J.W., D. Simmonds S.D., Belchamber Preceptor, Lashbrook I.G., J. K. Pitt Secretary; Bros. King, Fernley, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. King, as candidate for passing, was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was exceedingly well rehearsed by the W.M. The chair was vacated in favour of Bro. Pitt. Bro. King offered himself as candidate for the third degree and answered the questions. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Saint was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on the 15th inst., at 38 St. Peter's Street, Canterbury. Present: Bros. Beckett W.M., Abbs S.W., Tomblings J.W., R. D. Simms Secretary, Pepper S.D., Tomblings J.D., McClintock Steward, Claydon I.G., Blamiers I.P.M. Lodge was opened in the 1st degree. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Tomblings, McClintock, Abbs, Claydon, R. D. Simms, Pepper, and Beckett explained the working tools of an Entered Apprentice. Questions leading from the 1st to the 2nd degree were put by Bro. Beckett, and were correctly answered. Lodge was opened in the 2nd, when Bros. Pepper, Tomblings, and McClintock explained the working tools. The questions leading from the 2nd to the 3rd degree were put by Bro. Beckett, and correctly answered. Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry in general or of this Lodge in particular, the same was closed in due and ancient form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, New Bridge. Present:—Bros. Wing W.M., F. Botley S.W., Thomas J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Hughes S.D., Gillett J.D., Sherrin I.G., Gardner, Bailey, Turner, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge opened in 2nd, and questions leading to 3rd were put, and answered by Bro. Gardner, who was entrusted. Lodge opened in the 3rd, and the ceremony was rehearsed, the Worshipful Master giving the traditional history. Lodge closed in the 3rd and 2nd degrees. Bro Thomas was elected Worshipful Master for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock.

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HILDA CHAPTER, No. 23.

A MEETING was held on the 6th inst., at York, when, in the absence of Bro. A. T. B. Turner M.W.S., through illness, and at the unanimous wish and request of the Ex. and Perfect Princes, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister S.G.I.G. 33°, and I.G. North Eastern District, occupied the throne, and opened the Chapter, assisted by the Officers. The minutes of the last Chapter were read and confirmed. Bro. Donald Grant was unanimously elected, and being present, was perfected into this beautiful Christian Degree by Ill. Bro. Chas. Jas. Banister 33°, in his usual impressive manner, and proclaimed in due form. This being the installation meeting, the M.W.S. elect, Bro. G. Simpson, was presented by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M.W.S. to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who installed him into the chair in due form. Bro. Simpson then appointed the following Officers:—Bros. M. M. Reynard High Prelate, W. Brown 1st Gen., McGachen 2nd Gen., T. B. Whytehead Treasurer and Recorder, Waddington G. Marshal, Fraser Raphael, and Chadwick C. of G. Letters of apology were read from several brethren for non-attendance. The chapter was visited by Ill. Bro. Voight 30° P.M.W.S. of the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield. The third point was given by the M.W.S. Bro. G. Simpson, and the Chapter was closed. Ill. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett 30° was unable to stay for supper, which was presided over by the M.W.S., and there was a fair attendance. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and duly responded to. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, being an invalid, had to leave very early.

We are pleased to learn that Brother E. H. Rand, who for many years occupied the position of manager at the Cannon-street Hotel, has settled in a new home—the South Western Hotel, Southampton, of which he is now the proprietor. The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated and refurnished; a visitors' lift erected, the scale of charges revised, and many other improvements effected, all of which we feel sure have been conceived and worked out with the zeal and care which Bro. Rand's long experience has enabled him to bring to bear on such an undertaking.

THE PRINCES FANCY DRESS BALL.—As a fitting termination to this year's series of Princes Cinderellas, which are given for the benefit of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, an additional ball, at which all the dancers must appear in strictly fancy dress, has been arranged for Monday, 1st March. So popular have the Princes Cinderellas become, that the Executive Committee have had to decline applications for tickets at every dance, and with a view to limit numbers, and to ensure for the Princes Fancy Dress Ball a very high character, they have drawn up stringent regulations. Each subscriber must be vouched for as being personally known to one of the Patrons or Stewards, of whom there is a goodly list. Add to this that Coote and Tinney will furnish the music, that the Princes Hall in Piccadilly is to be charmingly decorated, and the fine galleries above thrown open for the supper, and we have all the elements of success, and not the least pleasant feature is, that it is all for so good a cause. Further details will doubtless be furnished by Mr. J. S. Wood, at the Hospital, in the Fulham-road.

We regret to hear that Mr. Louis Collins, of Wine Office Court and United Club, London, son of the late Rev. Henry Collins, and cousin of General Wolman, C.B., and of General Wolman, A.D.C., late commanding E.D., has for some time been ill, in London. This has retarded the bringing out of the *Advertisers' Guardian*, 1886; a copy of the 1885 issue of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales graciously accepted last year, and which certainly did the author much credit. We understand that the post of General Commanding the Eastern District, now so ably held by General White, will not, as was prognosticated by so many of our neighbours, be held by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; but that the occupant of the Scarletts will be General Sir Evelyn Wood, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.—*Colchester Chronicle.*

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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 FEBRUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
180—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)
1424—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1441—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwel
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
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. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 281—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
M.M. 11—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

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
975—Roee of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park 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
1621—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
763—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)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1749—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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1490—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1985—New Finsbury, 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. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 5—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Ball Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1803—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
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, Rede, 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, 24th FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 6.30, for 6 o'clock.
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
183—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—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—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.
1286—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
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.
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.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Aldersgate Street, at 8 (Installation.)
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
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Atholl, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
280—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, Bow Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1281—Rybutn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Leacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
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 University Hall, Oxford
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THURSDAY, 25th 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—Gremaniers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
147—Jessice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
185—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, 335 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Couch 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 (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Skargate, 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)
1436—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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1431—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1 [illegible]—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)
1625—Trevecar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7 30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1746—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington

R.A. 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. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1335—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—Amulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Hill
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
M.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1057—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
26—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1340—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke 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
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1388—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—Athingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
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. 660—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
[illegible]—Percy, Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 165 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Seward, 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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
[illegible]—Chapter of Improvement, Crown & Cushion, Jockey-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

CLOSE upon fifteen thousand pounds as the outcome of a Festival concerning which the gravest fears were entertained up to the very last moment, is sufficient to call forth the heartiest congratulations from every section of the English Craft. We feel assured that the warmest thanks of the brethren throughout the country have been showered during the past few days on the Stewards and others who took part in securing the grand success of Wednesday, when the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held, under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, and a sum of £14,846 14s 6d, announced as the total of the amounts brought up by the Stewards. We shall not attempt to recount any of the evils which it was expected—and justly so—would militate against the success of this year's Festival; it is sufficient for us now to rejoice at the result, which in face of bad trade and general depression, has proved that the benevolence of Freemasons is equal to the calls made upon it. The success of Wednesday not only maintains the reputation which has long been enjoyed by Freemasons as dispensers of Charity, but will also enable the Committee to continue the work of the Institution during the current year without that anxiety that must have been inseparable from their work under less favourable results than those which attended this year's celebration.

The total of Wednesday's Festival was contributed by 276 brethren, of whom 125 represented the Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters, 130 the Provincial, and 21 were unattached. The London and unattached Stewards brought up a total of £8,953 3s 6d, and the Provincial Stewards £5,893 11s, so that on this occasion London was again strongly to the fore so far as the amount of subscriptions is concerned.

The premier list of London—and, indeed, of the Festival—was that of Brother Walter Martin, of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, who brought up £450, while he was closely followed by Brother J. C. Flatteley, of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1624, who contributed £400. Next we have Bro. James Bartle, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, with a total of £250—a grand sum, when considered in connection with what this Lodge has done in the past; Bro. C. Kempton, of the Great Northern Lodge, with £210; and then the Chairman of the day, who brought up £208 7s (including his own donation—fifty guineas). Thus, five Stewards from London brought up no less a sum than £1,518 7s for our Old Folks. There were several other three figure lists, and we have much pleasure in specially referring to the brethren who were so fortunate as to secure large totals. Bro. C. N. Carrell, of the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, succeeded in raising £156 17s 6d; Brother J. Carnaby, of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, £155; Bro. C. W. Eves, of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, £154 17s 6d; Bro. E. Bentley Haynes, of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, and Bro. J. Pringle, of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, each £150; Comp. C. Daniel, of the Prosperity Chapter, No. 65, and Bro. H. Harbord, of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, each £141 15s; Bro. George Sidders, of the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 898, £136 10s; Brother James Terry, the energetic and much respected Secretary of the Institution, who on this occasion figures among the unattached, £135; Bro. W. H. Baker, of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030. £126; Brother C. Hunt, of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, £123 7s 6d; Bro. J. C. Cross, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, £120 18s; Bro. Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, of the University Lodge, No. 1118, £119 3s 6d; Bro. Dep. Insp. Gen. T. B. Purchas, of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, and Bro. A. H. Robinson, of the St. Peter Westminster Lodge, No. 1537, each £115 10s; Bro. Edwin Storr, of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, £106 1s; Bro. H. N. Price, the Worshipful Master of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, which celebrated its centenary a few days since, £105 19s; Bro. George Boulton, of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, £105 10s; Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., who figures among the unattached, and Brother James Willing jun., who represents both the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, and the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, each £105; and Bro. Hugh Cotter, of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, £100. Twenty-six lists for a total of £4,188 1s, or an average of upwards of one hundred and sixty pounds from each of the first twenty-six London Stewards, nearly half the amount sent up by the whole of the metropolis, and about as fine a list of "high amounts" as is possible under existing circumstances. The other London Stewards worked nobly in support of the good cause, as their individual lists and their joint total demonstrates, and it is only because we must draw the line somewhere that we do not extend the roll of "honourable mention" much further down the list; indeed were it not that we give the figures in detail elsewhere, we should feel it our duty to name each of the Stewards and record the result of each one's efforts on behalf of the Institution.

Kent takes the lead among the Provinces, with a total of £864 1s 6d, of which the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Alfred Spencer, secured £365, and another much respected member, Bro. Horatio Ward, £252 6s; the balance is made up by five other Stewards, and in addition there are two lists yet to be announced.

West Yorkshire, ever ready to help, and help too in a substantial way, nobly maintains its reputation by a contribution of £735, collected by the twenty-two brethren who undertook to represent it at this Festival.

Middlesex comes third on the list, with a total of £540 19s 6d contributed at the hands of sixteen of eighteen Stewards, the other two lists being yet outstanding. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, the Worshipful Master of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, takes the palm in this district, with a list of £140, and is nobly supported by his co-workers. The Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, is especially worthy of mention, no less than eight of its members figure as Stewards, six of whom took up between them the sum of £98 17s. We fancy we can recognise in this result the handiwork of Bro. John Mason, the Collector of the Institution, who we believe is the Secretary of this Lodge. Personally he appears as unattached, with a total of £68 5s, so that the Lebanon Lodge and its members really figure at this Festival for upwards of £167.

Bristol, with its eight Lodges, sends up £318 10s, of which total Bro. Pierrepoint Harris secured £300 5s, as representative of the Province; and Bro. W. Purnell, £18 5s, as a general Steward.

Suffolk, represented by four Stewards, contributes £295, of which sum one hundred guineas appears on the list of Bro. N. Tracy, the representative of the Province;

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while the other Stewards, Bros. C. F. Crane (1631), H. J Wright (936) and B. Gall (81) take up £85, £78 15s. and £26 5s respectively.

Hertfordshire—Little Herts as it is usually designated—contributed not a little to the success of the Festival. £277 3s 6d being the total of its contributions, sent up at the hands of nine Stewards. Bro. J. W. Morris, as representative of the oldest Lodge in the Province—the Hertford, No. 403—comes first, with a list of £52 4s, and he is supported by Comp. Edward Swain, as representative of the Hertford Chapter, No. 403, with £27 6s,—£79 10s from the brethren and Companions of the county town Bro. W. Mackie, of the Wilson Ilea' Lodge, follows with £42; and then comes Bro. W. K. Hopkin, the Worshipful Master of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, who brings up £36 15s, no inconsiderable amount when we consider that the Gladsmuir is but a small Lodge, and has been at considerable expense during the past year, when they entertained Provincial Grand Lodge on the occasion of its annual meeting.

Worcestershire is particularly strong in its representatives on the present occasion, both Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. A. F. Godson, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, being among the Stewards. Four other brethren undertook the task of pleading on behalf of the Old People, and the result of the six lists is a total of £271 17s. Of this the Provincial Grand Master takes up £171 18s, Bro. W. Perry (564) £36 15s, Bro. A. F. Godson £31 10s, and the three remaining Stewards ten guineas each.

Staffordshire entrusted its representation to Brother W. H. Bailey, and right nobly has he fulfilled the trust reposed in him, as his list of £204 15s forcibly demonstrates. Despite the great interest the brethren of this district continually display in the Charities of the Order, we should like to see them do more. If we may go so far, we would suggest they induce their Provincial Grand Master to act as Chairman at one of the Festivals, and rally round him to the utmost in their power in order to make his presidency a success. If they would do this heartily, and could induce their chief to support them in their endeavours, we predict such a result as would make a grand addition to the funds of whichever Institution was fortunate enough to be selected for the honour.

Dorsetshire is next in order, with a total of £180 10s, brought up, with the exception of ten guineas contributed by Bro. W. James, of No. 707, by the Provincial representative, Bro. E. T. Budden. This is a good start for the year, and we hope will be repeated by our Dorset brethren at each of the succeeding Festivals.

Nottinghamshire sends up £176 18s 6d at the hands of Bro. John Toplis, representing the Newstead Lodge, No. 47, and has a Steward with a list outstanding. We trust his efforts will be, if not as successful as those of his co-Steward, at least sufficient to make an appreciable difference in the total of his Province, although the amount already contributed is large, and one of which the brethren of the county may justly be proud.

Somersetshire also had the services of a good representative, Brother W. Rice, who worked for "The Province," and secured no less than £166 18s, a total a few pounds short of what was sent up by the Province at the corresponding Festival of last year.

Berks and Bucks had four representatives, and between them they secured £159 11s 6d. Brother R. C. Prickett, of 1101, takes the lead, with £64, and is followed by Bro. A. S. Morling, of No. 948, with £48 9s. Brother H. J. Stollery (209) and J. Thickens (1770) were the other Stewards, and their lists amounted to £34 2s 6d and £13 respectively.

Devonshire follows very closely, its three Stewards making up a total of £157 10s, of which Brother J. E. Curtois, as representing the Province, collected £105, Bro. A. T. Blamey (1402) £36 15s, and Bro. H. Marley (1358) the balance of £15 15s.

Surrey—whose Provincial Grand Master, Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., has consented to preside at the coming Festival on behalf of the Girls' School—sends up £148 11s for the Benevolent, at the hands of four Stewards, of whom Bro. Aynsley, of the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, secured £67 14s. The other Stewards were Bro. F. A. Guimaraens (416), J. A. Lorimer (1046), and J. Drewett (1638), while the amounts of their lists were £38 17s, £31 10s, and £10 10s respectively. No doubt the brethren of Surrey are reserving themselves for the special effort we may expect them to make in support of their chief, and such being the case—and assuming that the result of their efforts on behalf of the Benevolent may be taken as a criterion of what they will do for the Girls—a handsome total may be looked for from them in May next.

Cheshire had five Stewards, who, between them, contributed £148 6s. Three of these Stewards, Bros. Thomas Maples (537), E. Woodhead (537), and W. Mellor (758) took up lists of £36 15s each, while Bros. John Clayton and Walter Kenworthy, who acted jointly on behalf of Unanimity Lodge, No. 89, collected £38 1s.

Cambridgeshire had two representatives, the total of whose efforts was a contribution of £143; Bro. Papworth securing £63, and Bro. W. Welchman £80.

Cornwall had but one representative, Brother Controller S. G. Bake, but he succeeded in getting a good list, the result of his Stewardship being a total of £141 15s.

Hants and the Isle of Wight presses very closely, the total from that district being £141. Three Stewards were at work there, of whom Bro. R. L. Loveland, of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, secured £54 5s, Brother J. Wallingford, of the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, £45 10s, and Brother T. Francis, of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, the balance—£41 5s.

Sussex contributed £122 10s, two members of the Province acting as Stewards, of whom Bro. W. H. Russell, of No. 40, collected £70, and Bro. B. Bennett, of No. 732, £52 10s.

East Lancashire had nine Stewards, of whom one has not yet made a return. The other eight secured a total of £120 15s, most of their contributions, we imagine, being personal donations.

Essex did well, giving £115 5s 6d as its contribution. There were four Stewards, of whom Bro. James Salmon, representing the Epping Lodge, No. 2077, was the most successful, his list being one of fifty guineas.

Durham sent up one hundred guineas at the hands of a single Steward, Bro. Hans B. Olsen, of No. 764, and this brings to a close the list of three figure Provinces.

There are nine other districts to be referred to, and of these eight sent up totals of less than one hundred pounds, while one—North and East Yorkshire—has not yet made any return. The eight Provinces and the amounts of their contributions are as follow:—West Lancashire, 6 Stewards, £78 15s and one list to come in; Derbyshire, 1 Steward, £63; Bedfordshire, 1 Steward, £53 12s; Oxfordshire, 3 Stewards, £46 18s 6d; Gloucestershire, 2 Stewards, £39 18s; North Wales, 2 Stewards, £29 11s; Shropshire 1 Steward, £25; and Warwickshire, 1 Steward, £21 15s.

THE FESTIVAL.

AS we say above, the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Senior Grand Warden of England. The customary banquet having been partaken of, the chairman proceeded with the toast list. In proposing the first, he said there were many points on which members of the Craft particularly prided themselves, but there were some matters—and among them the toast he was then proposing—in which they were at one with the general body of Englishmen. The toast of Her Majesty the Queen was well received whenever it was proposed. Knowing as he did there was no more loyal body of men than the Freemasons, he considered it unnecessary that he should allude to any of the many reasons which might be given for honouring the toast. When he heard the chairman of a meeting give one reason after another—excellent though these might be—for drinking the health of Her Majesty, it seemed to him very much like offering apologies for Her Majesty, as though she was in need of being defended. He felt that in that room, at all events, no apology was needed on behalf of Her Majesty, whose health he submitted for their consideration. The toast having been heartily received, was followed by the National Anthem, and then the chairman gave H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Patron and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. If Masons were loyal to the Sovereign, so also were they loyal to their Most Worshipful G.M. He felt the Masonic body ought to think itself extremely fortunate in having at its head such a man as H.R.H. the Prince of

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Wales, who took so great an interest in the Order—not only a Masonic but a personal interest—doing all in his power to uphold Masonry and promote its welfare. It almost amounted to a mystery how his Royal Highness, among his multifarious duties, could find time to perform his Masonic work as he did. But in this, as in every other way, his Royal Highness set a good example, that should be followed by all Masons. He should not be far wrong if he went further, and said that the good example set by his Royal Highness was followed by other members of the Royal family for it was something extraordinary to see the way in which the names of the Royal family appear wherever any good was to be done. Never mind what it was for—if it was for a Charity, or for the good of the community or the nation in any way—they might be sure that some one, if not more, members of the Royal family would have their names at the head of it, and would be among the first coming forward to help as far as they could. The Chairman felt he need not give many reasons for submitting the next toast—The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M. The brethren knew that when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was unable to preside at any of their meetings his place was taken by the Earl of Carnarvon. Many of those present would know far better than he could tell them what an excellent Mason the Earl of Carnarvon was. Indeed, there was no brother to whom Grand Lodge would more readily apply for help in any difficulty than the Pro Grand Master. He had every confidence in giving the toast. This was followed by the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers. Lord Hertford felt that all who had seen the Earl of Lathom taking the chair in the next room, as Deputy Grand Master, must have thought that he was the right man in the right place. He believed there were few Masons living who had done more for the welfare of the Craft than he. He was always at work for the good of the cause. Much might be said in praise of the Present and Past Grand Officers, but they were so well known that it was almost unnecessary. He had much pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, with the toast. To return thanks for the Grand Officers, said Bro. Martyn, was at all times a pleasing, as well as a very honourable duty, but he was particularly pleased to be called upon on that occasion, because they had at the head of the Grand Officers for the year their present Chairman, who had so well and ably presided over them that night. Lord Hertford had said much in praise of the Deputy Grand Master, but he (Brother Martyn) felt it was impossible to say too much, for he supposed there was no more popular Mason than the Earl of Lathom. With regard to the rest of the Grand Officers, those present would believe him when he said, they were one and all actuated by a desire to prove and justify in some way the selections that the Grand Master had been pleased to make from time to time. He assured them, in the name of all the Grand Officers, as well as on his own behalf, that so long as God gave them health and strength, so long would their energies be devoted to the welfare of the Craft they loved so well. The chairman next proposed success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He really felt he ought to commence with an apology for taking the chair. When he looked at the list of distinguished Masons who had preceded him in that chair, and when he looked to the number of Masons around him who were far more intimately acquainted than he was with the practical working and management of the Charity, he could but feel that an apology was due from him; but, at the same time, when the honour was offered him of taking the chair, he felt first of all that he could not refuse to do what was in his power to help so excellent a Charity, and he was further supported by the thought that it required very little eloquence to induce Masons to be charitable. When he looked at the magnificent gathering he felt that the Charity met with approbation, and that the brethren sincerely wished it well. Lord Hertford then proceeded to give an outline of the establishment and rise of the Fund, and concluded by remarking that the annual expenditure, outside the permanent income of the Institution was no less than £13,000. Bro. Major J. Woodall Woodall replied, and then Bro. Terry read the list of amounts brought up by the respective Stewards. This we give in full on the next page.

Bro. Sir E. H. Lechmere proposed the Chairman. He said Lord Hertford was one of the good working Masons, or he would not have reached the high position he occupied in the Craft. All present would agree that he had distinguished himself that night. The grand financial result of the evening must have given the greatest satisfaction to all. It was certainly a most remarkable fact that year after year, no matter what the state of depression might be, Masons were as ready as ever to help their Charities. He was sure they would always find Stewards to come up from the Provinces for this Charity, bringing with them large sums of money; and so long as they had the attendance of so many brethren, and so long as they had their sympathy, and that of the ladies, they would find brethren like Lord Hertford ready to discharge the duties his lordship had discharged so well that evening. The Chairman, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received the toast so well proposed by Sir Edmund Lechmere. They had indeed given him pleasure that night by showing by deed, and not by word, what they thought of the Charity on whose behalf it had been his privilege to enlist their sympathy. The sum given that night for the Charity was truly a noble one. It had been exceeded only on one occasion. On behalf of the Charity he begged to thank all, not only for the money they had given, but for the interest they must have taken, and he thanked the Board of Stewards for the hard work they had performed. He could not help noticing that evening, when he looked at the toast list, what appeared to him, if he might be allowed to say so, an omission. He did not see upon the toast list the name of Bro. Terry. Those who knew anything of the immediate working of the Charity must know how hard Bro. Terry worked for it. He hoped that every future Festival of the Charity might be presided over by men far better able to do it than himself, at the same time anxious as he for the good of the Charity. The success of that night was what he might call a regular bumper. Looking at the depression of the times, and at all the circumstances, those who were acquainted with the other Masonic Charities knew that there were circumstances that might have militated against this one that night; but, bumper as it was, he hoped it might be exceeded next year, and so on for many years. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. proposed success to the other Masonic Institutions, to which Bros. Hedges and Binckes replied. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, proposed the Stewards, to which Bro. Capt. George Lambert P.G. Sw. Bearer replied. The Ladies was proposed by Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D., and acknowledged by Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett P.G. Steward. A very enjoyable concert was provided for the ladies in the Masonic Temple, under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist, the artistes being Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Amy Sargent, Miss Minnie Kirton, Madame Raymond, Bros. Arthur Thompson, Dudley Thomas, T. Tremere and Franklin Clive, with Miss Nellie Hamilton and Bro. Hedley Carus, assisted by Bro. Lott, as instrumentalists.

A Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, for the transaction of the general business of the Province, and for the purpose of consecrating and constituting, according to ancient usage, the St. George's Chapter, to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, when all Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Principals and Past First Principals of the several Subordinate Chapters of the Province are hereby summoned to attend, and all regularly exalted Royal Arch Masons are invited to be present. Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened at a quarter to four o'clock in the afternoon.

The *Debrett* series, comprising the *Peerage*, the *Baronetage*, *Knightage*, and *Companionage*, and the *House of Commons*, will be issued in a few days, and furnish more than two months' later information than kindred works.

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The following is a List of the Stewards, with the respective amounts collected by each, corrected up to the time of our going to Press:—

LONDON.

The Chairman (personal donation £52 10s)		208	7	0

UNATTACHED.

Br	A Barfield	15	15	0
	R Berridge	10	10	0
	Edgar Bowyer	89	5	0
	Thomas Bruce	10	10	0
	W J Crutch	23	2	0
	W A Dawson	21	0	0
	Baron De Ferrières	10	10	0
	C H Driver	10	10	0
	George Harrison	21	0	0
	W Lake			
	Captain G Lambert, F.S.A.			
	John Mason	68	5	0
	C F Matier	15	15	0
	H B Marshall, C.C.	105	0	0
	G Mickley, M.A., M.B.	15	15	0
	James Moon	10	10	0
	W J Murlis			
	Thomas Palmer	10	10	0
	W Poore	10	10	0
	James Terry	135	0	0
	E C Woodward	10	10	0
Lodge 1	C Belton	19	19	0
2	G A Ames	36	15	0
3	George Phillips	40	5	6
4	John A Hughes	15	15	0
5	H F Pollock	34	2	6
8	F T Rushton	12	10	0
10	F Davison (incomplete)	15	15	0
11	A J Probyn	27	6	0
14	Edgar Figgess	13	13	0
15	J J Woolley	46	14	6
19	Hy Poston	52	10	0
21	Arthur Hill	28	6	0
22	J Corbett	41	0	0
26	E C Stebbing	12	12	0
27	E Bentley Haynes	150	0	0
Chapter 28	Comp E M Money	52	10	0
Lodge 30	Br J Driscoll	70	6	0
33	F T Bennett	58	16	0
55	Jubal Webb	42	10	6
59	W Winnett	89	5	0
60	R G Barton	20	7	0
65	G Schadler	38	1	0
Chapter 65	Comp C Daniel	141	15	0
Lodge 72	Br N Turner			
73	A C Ansbacher	59	6	6
87	A E Birch	54	2	6
92	Alfred Dent			
140	John Warcup	46	19	0
144	J G Usite	83	9	6
157	W Snodin	15	15	0
162	A C De Chapeaurouge	28	7	0
167	Edwin Storr	106	1	0
169	E H Minns	76	10	0
Chapter 171	Comp Joseph Clever	31	10	0
Lodge 172	Br W H Harris	22	1	0
174	F J Dellow	71	13	6
177	H N Price	105	19	0
179	J Ellwood	67	14	6
193	W Belchambers	59	17	0
194	Charles Hunt	123	7	6
197	Charles Barry	36	13	0
198	Charles Lambert	68	5	0
201	W J Cope	47	5	0
211	Henry Martin	77	14	0
217	J Addington	20	0	0
228	A H Trewinnard	50	0	0
259	John Aird	47	5	0
435	E J Jeffs	20	0	0
511	J H Taylor	29	7	0
534	J O Beiling	25	18	6
538	J Skinner	80	0	0
554	H Cotter	100	0	0
704	W H Hehl	82	5	6
720	G Treves	39	1	0
749	A F Leech			
780	B E Blasby	55	7	0
781	J H Pringle	150	0	0
813	W Pierpoint	10	10	0
822	C F Grundtvig	26	5	0
862	J Collinson	34	13	0
871	R T Stringer	77	1	0
879	W Martin	450	0	0
898	G Sidders	136	10	0
Chapter 898	Comp G Graveley	52	10	0
Lodge 901	Br H Harbord	141	15	0
902	J C Cross	120	18	0
907	G Wallace	66	3	0
917	F L Keays	11	0	6
933	G Hollington	69	16	6
1056	J Boulton	90	0	0
1076	J Dorton	90	0	0
1118	Rev. H R Cooper Smith	119	3	6
1155	F Morgan	85	4	0
1259	W M Esmond	34	13	0
1260	R F Budd	31	9	6
1278	W H Making	54	1	6
1287	C Kempton	210	0	0
1288	F G W Guyer	93	14	0
1293	H E Cooper	75	2	6
1310	J Greenway	21	0	0
1365	Chas Steel	50	8	0
1366	C Sheppard	80	4	6
1382	J Carnaby	155	0	0
1383	Dep. Insp.-Gen. T B Purchas	115	10	0
1426	Robt Fendick	46	2	0
1472	C T Lewis	91	17	0
1489	Edwin George	31	9	6
Chapter 1489	Comp Thos Griffiths	19	8	6
1507 Lodge 1744	James Willing jun.	105	0	0
1537	Br A H Robinson	115	10	0
1540	C J G Evenius			
Chapter 1540	Comp W Klingenstein	31	10	0
Lodge 1541	Br Arthur Toovey jun.	10	10	0
1572	John Russell	89	5	0
1591	Sir R Hanson	21	0	0
1604	Geo Boulton	105	10	0
1607	Dr W Gayton	63	14	0
1608	Dr H W Kisllmark	85	11	6
1615	T R Dallmeyer			
1624	J C Flatteley	400	0	0
1629	Rev. C J Martyn	47	5	0
1642	James Bartle	250	0	0
1643	J S Adkins			
1687	E L P Valeriani	55	13	0
1693	J Cooper	47	15	6
1708	J P Hamilton	51	19	6
1716	W J Rundell	95	0	0
1719	James Gibb	30	7	0
1732	F C Austin	76	17	6
1804 1804	C J R Tijou, R R Green	82	19	0
1816	C N Carrell	156	17	6
1820	E Abram	51	9	0
Chapter 1839	Comp A J Dixie	21	0	0
Lodge 1900	Br Hy Slyman	50	0	0
1910	J L Mather	40	19	0
1949	A E Albert	28	6	6
1964	Capt G A Potter	62	18	6
1974	H S Andrew	30	0	0
1986	H M Williams	48	6	0
2030	W H Baker	126	0	0
2045	Rev. J C Wharton	11	11	0
2108	C Washington Eves	154	17	6
2128	T W Tew (J.P.)	31	10	0

PROVINCES.

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BEDFORDSHIRE.

540	Br R B Stafford	53	12	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

209	H John Stollery	34	2	6
948	A S Morling	48	9	0
1101	R C Prickett	64	0	0
1770	J Thickens	13	0	0

BRISTOL.

The Prov., Br Pierrepoint Harris		300	5	0
	W Purnell	18	5	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Province, Br O Papworth		63	0	0
	W Welchman	80	0	0

CHESHIRE.

89 89	Jno Clayton, Walter Kenworthy	38	1	0
537	Thos Maples	36	15	0
537	E Woodhead	36	15	0
758	W Mellor	36	15	0

CORNWALL.

The Province, Br Comptroller S G Bake		141	15	0

DERBYSHIRE.

	J E Harrison	63	0	0

DEVON.

The Province, Br J E Curteis		105	0	0
1358	Br. Hy Marley	15	15	0
1402	A T Blamey	36	15	0

DORSET.

The Province, Br E T Budden		170	0	0
707	W James	10	10	0

DURHAM.

764	Hans B Olsen	105	0	0

ESSEX.

	R Clowes	23	12	6
433	Adam Smith	15	5	6
1437	R J Warren	23	17	6
2077	Jas Salmon	52	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

	R V Vassar-Smith	34	13	0
246	Geo Norman	5	5	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

804	Thos Francis	41	5	0
903	J Wallingford	45	10	0
1990	R L Loveland	54	5	0

HERTS.

403	W J Morris	52	4	0
Chapter 403	Comp Edwd Swain	27	6	0
Lodge 869	Br Hy Hughes	31	10	0
1327	W A Rogers	29	18	0
1385	W K Hopkin	36	15	0
1479	M Balding, M.D.	21	6	6
1580	W J Thody	16	4	0
1757	W H Rowe	20	0	0
2054	W Mackie	42	0	0

KENT.

The Province, Br Alfred Spencer		365	0	0
31	Horatio Ward	252	6	0
558	G L Hart	44	9	6
615	John Aillud	45	3	0
784	Benjn Wood	31	10	0
Chapter 874	Comp Chas Gasham			
Lodge 1414	Br Rev. T S Curteis			
1436	Henri Brett	53	11	0
1531	W Hollis	72	2	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

152	Br W Jaffries			
221	James Walker	21	0	0
317	J W Edwards	21	0	0
348	John Kenyon	21	0	0
645	Geo Taylor	10	10	0
1723	Matthew Fielding	10	10	0
1798	A Besso	10	10	0
1798	Joseph Gershom	10	10	0
1798	Samson E Levi	15	15	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

32	R W Bourne	10	10	0
613	T Adams	21	0	0
Chapter 730	Comp Thos Forrester	5	5	0
Lodge 1380	Br R A Davies			
1505 2042	Robt Foote	10	10	0
1675	T H W Walker	31	10	0

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MIDDLESEX.

778	E W Stanton	52	10	0
Chapter				
946	Comp R W Forge	25	0	0
1194	A J Altmann	15	15	0
Lodge				
1237	Br Geo Tegg	36	15	6
1326	G H Eaton	15	15	0
1326	Edwin Gilbert			
1326	Fletcher Knight-			
1326	James Talbot	32	11	0
1326	W R Vassila	10	10	0
1326	Fredk Walters	19	1	0
1326	J A Wilson	10	10	0
1326	Saml Wheeler	10	10	0
1494	F Sumner Knivett	31	10	0
1503	Wm Taylor	36	15	0
1567	T I Bird-	41	7	6
1579	T J Cusworth	46	14	6
2048	W A Scurrah	140	0	0
2105	D P Cama	15	15	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

47	John Toplis	176	18	6
402	Edward Seaton			

NORTH WALES.

1674	H A Steer	21	0	0
1849	Hy Kneeshaw	8	11	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	J A Acock	31	3	6
340	W R Bowden			
1895	Rev A R Pritchard	15	15	0

SALOP.

1621	W Laxelles Southwell	25	0	0

SOMERSET.

The Province	Br W Rice	166	18	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province,	Br W H Bailey	204	15	0

SUFFOLK.

The Province,	Br N Tracy	105	0	0
Lodge				
81	B Gall	26	5	0
936	H J Wright	78	15	0
1631	G F Crane	85	0	0

SURREY.

416	F A Guimaraens	38	17	0
1046	J A Lorimer	31	10	0
1638	J Drewett	10	10	0
1929	W Aynsley	67	14	0

SUSSEX.

40	W H Russell	70	0	0
732	Benj Bennett	52	10	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

502	Isaac Brooks	21	15	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

280	Sir E H Lechmere, Bt., M.P.	171	18	0
280	A F Godson	31	10	0
280	W B Williamson	10	10	0
377	J W Consterdine-Chadwick	10	10	0
564	W Perry	36	15	0
1204	Capt. W. Ottley	10	10	0

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

57	Br. J. Walton			

WEST YORKSHIRE.

139	Simeon Hayes			
275	J Durrans Taylor			
290	George Sykes			
290	W Harrop			
290	J B Whiteley			
290	J Brierley			
495	Joseph Hartley			
750	Rawson Kelly			
904	Frederick Cleeves			
974	H A Foster			
974	J Ambler			
1042	W Bingham	735	0	0
1042	W Pepper			
1042	X Meyer			
1042	R H Fowler			
1211	G F Crowe			
1239	G Wragg			
1239	F S H Wilson			
1513	B Smith			
1513	T W Embleton			
1786	Luke H Dean			
2069	B S Bailey			

MASONIC DIGNITY.

IF there is one subject connected with what may be called the externals of the Lodge, which more than any other should enlist the attention of the Craft, it would seem to be the maintenance of the decorum and dignity proper to the Institution.

Giving credit for sincerity to the countless declarations *of Masonic* orators and writers for the press, touching the antiquity and character of our Fraternity, any one on side the Lodge, without an observation of existing facts, would surely expect to find throughout the Masonic brotherhood a higher regard for all which is appropriate to true decorum and dignity than among the members of any other association whatever: for in our public utterances no opportunity seems to be neglected which can be used to set forth the great antiquity of the Institution; the noble part it is alleged to have acted in the development of science, art and social order; the endless catalogue of illustrious names of "kings, princes and potentates" of every civilized nation, claimed to belong to its roll of honour, and what is more to be prized than all, the wisdom and beneficence of the principles it is designed to uphold.

Allowing these declarations to be sincere, and only a tithing of them to be based on any sufficient knowledge, or probable information concerning the historic matters involved, it would seem incredible that any want of regard for the time-honoured usages of our predecessors, or solicitude for the honour and dignity of the Institution, now and hereafter; or of complete and substantial furnishings or tasteful adornment should be noticeable in or about our "temples of initiation"; or of truly decorous and proper apparel and garniture in our public or private assemblies, processions and ceremonies.

It would be further expected by a stranger, that in an Institution which has for two of its supporting pillars Wisdom and Beauty, its votaries would place among the first of its "liberal arts" that of elegant and expressive adornment, and that good taste would be cultivated to the exclusion of all slovenly negligence and meretricious display; and that order and propriety would be so advanced as to lead to a system of construction and embellishment truly Masonic in all its aspects.

Yet it must be confessed that for the most part such expectations would prove as baseless as many of the panegyrics upon the antiquity, universality, and glory of the Institution; the most oft-repeated and extravagant of which are indulged in by those who are content to let everything of ancient Masonic excellence and propriety become lost to the Craft.

It is not because of any high estimate placed on the antiquity or noble characteristics of Ancient Craft Masonry that these things are so generally observable, but because of a failure to appreciate and thence esteem those things in which the sublimity and moral grandeur of true Masonry consist, and this is shown to be true in the face of the whole Craft by this: that when simplicity and true Masonic dignity and decorum are urged upon the Craft, and imitations and mere frippery denounced, there is not wanting some one to hasten to the front as champion of the latter, without a word in behalf of the former, with all the earnestness of those who feel that something has been done which reflects disadvantageously on themselves personally. It is doubtless true that this has not happened because of any ill disposition towards the exaltation of Masonry, or of actual folly in judgment concerning such matters; but from the very original cause which has produced the evils which they defend, and the same which has brought about the prevalent notion that the Masonic Lodge is wholly destitute of anything to produce a respectable or significant appearance either in public or private, and that it must be made presentable by eking out the remnants of its legitimate equipage with unseemly claptrap; or by letting it take care of itself, and resorting to "higher degrees" for purposes of display.

Now, if really fine and impressive appearance in public or private is something desirable, as all must admit it is, how is it that it never occurs to those who are enthusiastic in such a matter, that the Ancient Craft Lodge has, and always had, greater resources for the very purpose of significant display than any other society or order to be found, and that with less expense in the long run than the opponents of simplicity and dignity are willing to lavish in carrying on and exhibiting the so-called higher degrees?

Let an Ancient Craft Lodge room be for once completely constructed, furnished and adorned with everything which properly pertains to it, all in proper form and order, and it would be an astonishment to thousands who are accustomed to the existing state of things, and if a procession fully equipped as it might be were to appear on the streets of any city, those who should see it for the first time would scarcely believe their own eyes. And this is not an exaggeration, for everything which is in any way Masonic, from first to last, belongs to the Lodge and is part of its exclusive paraphernalia, to be used as far as means will permit or the Craft may deem expedient. Hence those who are fond of pageantry, and of making a fine display of Masonry, ought to see how unreasonable it is for them to be content with the neglect of proper appearances which is allowed to exist both in Lodges and Chapters, and at the same time expend large sums of money for shoddy imitation and things having no Masonic significance, at exorbitant prices, and which have no lasting value.

Consider what the Fraternity receives for the great

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amounts of money poured out continually in procuring the erection of buildings, or paying extravagant rents, and in the purchase of goods and trappings which are made to sell. In how few instances can a Lodge Committee find in Masonic structures any examples of the stately and beautiful forms and composition of parts and ornaments, which should distinguish the work of a Fraternity whose principal art is the noblest of all, architecture? Where is anything truly Masonic in design or execution to be found in or about a Masonic Lodge? What of the fixtures or furnishings of the rooms or their approaches? What can be seen on the persons of Officers or members, or borne in the procession of a Lodge or Grand Lodge, even on the most important occasions, which would show that Masons as a body care aught for ancient Masonic usages, or the memory of Masonic achievements of any description? It is not meant by this that they do not care for decency of appearance as a body of citizens, or for personal attire, but that they show little or no regard for that which is Masonic; a disregard which has gone on until a majority of Masons do not even know what were the usages fifty years ago.

Many are warmly in favour of display; but, labouring under the impression that the "Blue Lodge," as they term it, is destitute of materials and modes of embellishment, and has nothing to offer in the way of appearances, they regard every protest against the increase of tinsel and shabby makeshifts as though it were a fulmination against orderly decoration and tasteful art, and in favour of bare benches, sawdust floors, tallow-dip candles and greasy aprons; and feel aggrieved that any one should try to rob the Lodge of the few novelties for which it has spent perhaps its last dollar. Indignation naturally sets in with more or less violence and the Craft are called upon to stand up for their rights.

How has it been during the last twenty-five years or so in this respect? Indeed, long before that, "the lambskin, the badge of a Mason," had given place to a piece of white sheepskin leather, of the size and somewhat in the shape of a Masonic apron; and that to a flap of white cotton called by way of euphemism "a white linen apron;" and that to keep up the degeneration, has finally come to be worn, not over the dress, where it belongs, but tucked in under the coat to represent the latter clause of a cheap shirt, instead of the "badge more ancient than the golden fleece," &c.

The three principal stations of the Lodge having been deprived of their characteristic form, can no longer be distinguished from those introduced in modern societies, and have lost their place in such a way that no Masonic circumambulation can be performed, except such as takes place within the Lodge (not Lodge room), as at installation; and the two great pillars are represented by a couple of broom-handle effigies, the mockery of all architecture.

Because there was nothing else left to throw away, the distinctive and symbolic sash, without which no Mason, even as late as thirty years ago, thought of going into a procession, has been cast aside; together with the emblematic banners borne on two flagstaves, which emblazoned the march; and so on with everything else which belonged to the occasion.

Now, as one after another, the insignia of the Craft have been thrown entirely aside, or have given place to some mean substitute, invented and furnished by the ever present dealer in "hand-me-down" regalia, until nothing was left but the collars, which of course had a special signification, and were very important in preserving the knowledge of the celestial forms of the Lodge and its floors; a drummer has come round with a miserable novelty and palmed it on to the Lodges as a subtitute—a "modern improvement"—consisting of a blue string with a lot of the common emblems, miniatures of things already in the Lodge, and huddled together without an atom of sense; and in such a way interested outsiders have come to be the designers and fabricators of the ever-changing toggery which is putting out of sight and out of mind the unique and significant appliances and adornments of the Craft.

As to the mosaic floor itself, with its visible representatives and all the lore connected with it, by which its peculiar form and complication of parts were made to show knowledge of celestial and terrestrial order involved in the construction of the Symbolic Lodge (not the Lodge room); there is nothing left of it but the caricature of its surface, still found on the Master's carpet.

While these things are so, it is no wonder that some or many should be dissatisfied with the actual appearance of things in and about the Lodge, contrasted with the glowing picture of the greatness and splendour of the Institution set forth in our oratory and wherever mere "talk" is all that is supposed to be necessary. And considering everything, it is not strange that three different notions as to propriety should be entertained. First, that mole-eyed view which discerns no difference between simplicity and shabby meanness, between elegance and finery, and prefers the latter, that is, coarse, ill-adapted and slovenly surroundings and modes. Second, that which sees nothing as ornamental and beautiful except redundancy and flash and novelty, and being coupled with a desire for something more lively than squalor and scantiness and discomfort, wishes to enjoy a raree show at the least expense for the time being. In neither of these cases is any account taken of what is worthy and valuable or what is appropriate and becoming in such an Institution as Ancient Craft Masonry. The third view is that of those who esteem the dignity and honour of the Masonic Institution and of its noble Fraternity throughout the world, as demanding more because entitled to more consideration on the part of those who are admitted to enjoy its rights, lights and benefits, than can possibly be the case in any other fellowship; and hence desire to maintain intact the high estate of dignity, simplicity, elegance and beauty of the entire Masonic system, internal and external; and so to manifest this in every way as to testify their appreciation of its excellence. Which of these views should prevail let all worthy Masons judge, and act accordingly.

Notwithstanding the discouraging aspect of much which appears in the neglect and indifference of Lodges and members, and the constant lapse from former Masonic ideas and conduct, and the loss of Masonic lore so much to be deplored, there is one great source of encouragement continually growing and strengthening. This is, that every voice and utterance put forth, come from whom it may or from which side in any controversy, joins with all others in concluding on the same urgent appeal to the Craft to maintain in every way, and by all means attainable, as the supreme object and end of Masonry, those sublime virtues, truth and uprightness, and more than all, the God-born principle of charity in all its forms, and especially in that most angelic, which is the keystone of the Masonic arch and the key of heaven. Nor are these vain and empty utterances, for the works of the Craft in all its organisations and rites exhibit to-day more efficient and wide-spread efforts, organised and unorganised, in furthering every scheme of benevolence and mercy, and show more liberality and generosity than ever before. With such a motive power all things are possible, and we can well hope that advancement in the attainment of great ends will impel a movement towards securing those next in importance, and so the work of the Craft be crowned with glory as well as honour.—*Voice of Masonry.*

THE SECRETARY'S MINUTES.

THE Secretary of a Lodge is a high and important Officer—for some purposes the most important in the Lodge. Although nominally the servant of the Lodge, he is often its master. Although the W.M. is supreme, and the Secretary is the scribe, the latter not infrequently controls the action of the former. If the Master be the mind, the Secretary is the hand that wields the pen, which is the index of the mind. Frequently the Secretary is a Past Master, and he should always be so. The duties of his office are so responsible that he requires all the knowledge which experience in the Master's chair can give. He cannot know too much, or be too expert. What the Lodge is, depends to a considerable degree upon his action; whether the Lodge shall be praised or blamed by the Grand Master, when he comes to make a Grand Visitation to the Lodge, is determined very much by his adherence to the usages and customs of the Craft in engrossing the Minutes, and in formulating the action on various matters coming officially before the Lodge. The most experienced and skilful Brother in the Lodge, who will accept the office, is the one who should be elected Secretary.

We wish we had the considerate attention of every Secretary in this jurisdiction, and in all jurisdictions, to the present article—not that we can say anything especially new with regard to their duties, but because we believe we can say much that is

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true, and for the best interests of Freemasonry. A Secretary is more than the mere scribe of the Lodge—he prepares much, if not all, of the business for its action. All communications to the body pass through his hands, and are presented by him. Many motions are made by him, and some are adopted by the force of his single vote. He determines the direction given to much of the charity. He observes, or neglects to observe, the regulations of Grand Lodge bearing upon Lodge action. Now, what guide has he, over and above his own experience? In the jurisdistion of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and we opine in most Masonic jurisdictions, there is a model form of Minutes furnished him. This is so full, so exact, so minute in all of its details, and so specific in all of its directions, that if a Secretary will always have it before him in writing out the Minutes, *he cannot err*. For almost every possible proceeding in a Lodge there is a plainly prescribed form. And this form is not an empty form, since it comprehends matter of substance, of the highest importance. For example, take the following:—"A communication was received from the Grand Secretary, stating there was nothing on the records against John Jones." Suppose a Secretary omits to insert this in the Minutes, in the case of a petition for initiation and membership, or for membership only? The probabilities are that he has failed to make the necessary inquiry of the Grand Secretary, and having so failed, and the Lodge having initiated a candidate without it, it becomes the imperative duty of the Grand Master to issue an edict, striking the name of the initiate from the roll of the Lodge; and as a result the Lodge is obliged to commence *de novo*, and do its work over again, *after* having made the necessary inquiry of the Grand Secretary, and learned that the applicant's record is clear. Take another example:—A member writes to a Secretary, simply asking for what is often termed a Dimit, although we, in Pennsylvania, style it simply a Certificate; and the Secretary moves (in error) that it be granted, and, thereupon, the Brother is erroneously considered to be no longer a member of the Lodge. But the "Form of Minutes," if it had been consulted, would have instructed the Secretary that a member must *present a resignation* of membership *in writing*, which must be accepted, before any *such* Brother can be entitled to receive a Certificate to enable him to apply to another Lodge for membership, which Certificate he is entitled to as a *matter of course* after the Lodge has, by vote, accepted his resignation—the Secretary giving it to him on his request, without any motion for it in open Lodge. The repeated neglect by Secretaries to observe this form of Minute is another fruitful source of edicts from the Grand Master. Now, no Grand Master is fond of issuing edicts of this character—indeed, we have known a Grand Master to feel that he was soiling his hands by the use of the edictorial pen, and to wash his hands after the unpleasant duty was performed. It is always more agreeable to praise than to blame, and if Secretaries of Lodges would only perform their *simple duty*, would only follow the printed precedents plainly set before them in the "Form of Minutes," they would not only have their Minutes in proper *form*, but they also would have, what is far more important, the *substance* of them correct, and the action of the Lodge regular, unnecessary to be set aside by an edict from the Grand Master.

The examples we have given above are only two out of many which we might cite. It is not too much to say that almost all of the errors into which Lodges usually fall, might be prevented by the Secretary being guided by the information specifically conveyed in the regulation "Form of Minutes."

In this connection we may advert to three related matters. The Secretary should leave a line blank between the individual minutes. This renders a reference to the Minutes easy, when it is desired to discover the action of the Lodge in any particular. This end is further attained by abbreviated memoranda, in red ink, in a blank about two inches in width reserved at the left hand side of the Minute Book, from top to bottom. Add to this the indexing of the more important actions in a general index of the volume, and the engrossing of the Minutes in a clear, legible hand, and the Secretary's work is performed precisely as in every case it should be. All of these suggestions are not difficult of observance, their performance by the Secretary is his simple duty, and every W.M. of a Lodge owes it to his Lodge, as well as to himself to see that they are diligently and faithfully followed.—*Keystone*.

THIRD "AMMONIAPHONE" CONCERT.

THAT Dr. Carter Moffat's Ammoniaphone ranks high in public favour was evidenced by the presence of a distinguished Company at Holloway Hall, London, on Friday, the 19th inst., in response to invitations issued by Mr. C. B. Harness, Managing Director of the Medical Battery Company, Limited, of 52 Oxford Street, London, W., the proprietors of Dr. Carter Moffatt's invention. Not the least interesting feature of Friday's concert was the fact that all the artistes were Ammoniaphonical votaries, who testified their appreciation of the benefits they have derived from Dr. Carter Moffat's remarkable invention by volunteering their services. The Programme consisted of a Part Song, "Awake, Æolian Lyre," Ammoniaphone Concert Party; New Song, "Old Soldiers," Mr. Dudley Towers; Song, "O'er the Meadows," Miss Alice Crang; Duet, "The Burial at Sea," Messrs. Roy St. Claire and Dudley Towers; Part Song, "Hail to the Chief," Ammoniaphone Concert Party; Piano Solo, "The Wanderer," Mr. Alfred Allen; Song, "Masks and Faces," Miss Paula Costello; Patriotic Song (new), "London," Mr. Roy St. Clare (*accompanied by the composer*); Part Song, "Hush thee, my Baby," Ammoniaphone Concert Party; Song, "The Lost Voice," Mr. Roy St. Claire; Part Song, "O who will o'er the Downs so free," Ammoniaphone Concert Party; Song, "The Gauntlet," Mr. Dudley Towers; Piano Solo, (a) "A do beist blume," (b) "Invitation to the Minuet," Mr. Alfred Allen; Song, "Absent, yet Present," Miss Paula Costello; Song, "The Lost Chord," Mr. Roy St. Claire; Song, "Good Bye," Miss Alice Crang; Humorous Quartette, "Prophundo Basso," Misses Costello, Bidgway, Messrs. St. Claire and Towers. God Save the Queen. Mr. Alfred Allen accompanied on a special Concert Grand Pianoforte by Messrs. John Brinsmead and Sons. Between the parts of the Concert, Dr. Carter Moffat briefly explained the extraordinary properties of the Ammoniaphone for increasing and enriching the Vocal Tone, and for the treatment of Asthma, Bronchitis, and pulmonary affections by inhalation. After the Concert Mr. C. B. Harness entertained the artistes, and a distinguished party of literary, musical, and scientific celebrities at supper in the Ammoniaphone Saloon of the Medical Battery Company, Limited, 52 Oxford Street, W., while the band rendered a choice selection of solo and concerted pieces.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd March 1886, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd December 1885, will be read and put for confirmation.

2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

4. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will move, That the sum of two hundred guineas be voted from the Fund of General Purposes as a donation from Grand Lodge to the Mansion House Fund now being raised for the relief of the unemployed in London.

5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The Orphan Daughters of a Brother of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, London	£75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, Tynemouth	50	0	0
A Brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1046, Farnham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven	100	0	0
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A Brother of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London	150	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London	50	0	0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that they have had under their consideration the rates of salary hitherto received by Brother William Henry Lee, third clerk, and Brother Neville Green, fourth clerk, in the Grand Secretary's office, who have served therein for thirteen years, and have already arrived at the maximum rate of £200 a year, as fixed for all the junior clerks by Grand Lodge in the year 1874, and whose prospects of future advancement are remote.

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As it appears to the Board that the maximum rates of salary of these two officials might fairly be fixed in gradation between that of the second clerk, which is £300 a year, and that of the junior clerks the Board now recommend the following arrangement for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz.:—

The salary of Brother William Henry Lee to be raised to £230 from the 1st January last, and to increase by £10 a year until it arrives at £250, which shall be the maximum salary of the third class.

The salary of Brother Neville Green to be also raised to £225 from the 1st January last, which shall be the maximum salary of the fourth clerk.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th February 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of February instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4414 1s 5d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £28 18s 6d.

7. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board have to report to Grand Lodge that they have had brought under their notice an official copy of a circular issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, United States of America, dated 12th November 1885, and sent from that Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England.

This edict is addressed to the Lodges in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and recites a resolution of that Grand Lodge, to the effect that certain Lodges existing in the province of Quebec, and not owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of that province, are illegal and irregular, and charging the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois not to hold Masonic intercourse with such Lodges, or with any members thereof, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois thereon issues his edict accordingly.

With reference to this announcement, the Colonial Board have to call attention to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge of the 3rd December 1884, when a correspondence between His Royal Highness the Grand Master and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was laid before the brethren.

It appeared by that correspondence that the Grand Lodge of Quebec demanded that the Warrants of the three Lodges holding under this Grand Lodge, which have existed and were working in Montreal long before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, should be at once withdrawn, because of the subsequent creation of that Grand Lodge, to which demand the Grand Master replied that he was unable to accede so long as these three Lodges elected to remain under their original and lawful adherence to the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge unanimously approved of the action thus taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Since the Grand Secretary communicated the reply of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Quebec no official communication on the subject has been received from that body, but in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for the year 1885 an announcement appears in the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence that the Grand Master of Quebec had issued his edict "severing fraternal relations" with the "three recusant Lodges holding authority from the Grand Lodge of England," and stating that the claim to have these Lodges recognised as legally existing "does not find any justification in law or common sense," and after quoting the edict of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it reports that the Committee had requested the Representative of that Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Illinois to present the subject for consideration.

This having been done, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at the instance of the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, requested its Grand Master to issue the edict of the 17th November 1885, whereby all intercourse with the three Lodges in question has been severed.

Inasmuch as the sole ground for thus ostracising the three Lodges is their continued allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, the Colonial Board feels bound to submit to Grand Lodge that it would not be consistent that direct relationship should continue to exist between it and the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and that the action of that Body in thus intervening leaves no other course open than to vindicate the undoubted rights and privileges of this Grand Lodge by respectfully recommending to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that he should withdraw the Patent issued by him to the brother representing this Grand Lodge at that of Illinois, and should call on the brother who represents that Grand Lodge here to return the Patent appointing him its Representative; and this they submit accordingly.

(Signed) JOHN ANTHONY RUCKER,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th February 1886.

8. Report of Brother Stanley G. Harding, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1885.

9. APPEALS:—

1. By Brother Albert Gerdes, P.M. of the Pitt-Macdonald Lodge, No. 1198, Madras, against a ruling of the District Board of General Purposes, on a complaint made by him against the W. Master of that Lodge for having taken the voting for the election of an honorary member by show of hands instead of by ballot.

2 and 3. By Brother Rustomjee C. Jaboolee, P.M. of the Crown Lodge, No. 1359, Bombay, and also by Brother Curseejee N. Pavri, P.M. of the same Lodge, against a judgment of the District Grand Master censuring them for a breach of Article 205 of the Book of Constitutions.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

10. Notice of motion by Brother David D. Mercer P.M. No. 1641:

That no Brother who is in receipt of an annuity from the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution shall be entitled to participate in the funds at the disposal of the Board of Benevolence.

List of brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer.

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Nominated by Brother Dr. Ernest Pocock, W.M. 1891, London.

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Nominated by Brother John Gibbs, W.M. 1613, London.

SAMUEL POPE Q.C., P.M. 1610, London.
Nominated by Bro. William R. McConnell, W.M. 1610, London.

N.B.—Brother Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.M. No. 1610, London, Provincial S.G.W. North Wales, who was duly proposed at the last meeting of Grand Lodge for the office of Grand Treasurer, has since requested that his name may be withdrawn from the list of candidates for that office.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2130.—The Keith Guild Lodge, Matatiele, East Griqualand, S. Africa.
2131.—The Brownlow Lodge, Ellesmere, Shropshire.
2132.—The Egerton Lodge, Egremont, Cheshire.
2133.—The Swan of Avon Lodge, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire.
2134.—The Wilberforce Lodge, Hull, Yorkshire, (N. and E. Division).
2135.—The Constance Lodge, Consett, Durham.
2136.—The St. Michael's Lodge, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
2137.—The Ruapehu Lodge, Marton Wellington, North Island, N.Z.
2138.—The Lodge Franklin, Pukekohe, Auckland, N.Z.
2139.—The Gregory Lodge, Cairns, Queensland.
2140.—The Huguenot Lodge, London.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE annual meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held on 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, where there was a goodly muster of the brethren, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred J. Potter. There were also present Bros. C. Weeden S.W., A. Perl J.W., John Stilwell P.M. Treasurer, R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, F. Perl S.D., J. E. Chubb J.D., J. T. Pilley I.G., C. H. Ockelford D.C., Past Masters H. Gabb, L. Haslip, Bros. H. A. Gray, E. C. Conrad, J. Boulton, E. Barnes, W. B. Richards, J. R. Cordell, D. Sherwill, J. B. Smith, J. Arnold, T. Naylor, G. Brastlin, A. K. Turbefield Tyler, &c. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then opened for Messrs. Edwin and Alfred Levesque, who had been proposed by Bro. Ockelford and seconded by Bro. F. Perl, and the voting being unanimously in favour, these gentlemen were initiated, the ceremony being admirably rendered by the Worshipful Master and his Officers. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bros. E. Barnes, T. Naylor, and J. Arnold were passed to Fellow Craft. The working in this degree was also gone through in most creditable manner, and elicited genuine expressions of approval. The brethren then proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the result was unanimously in favour of Bro. C. Weeden, who was highly complimented upon the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Senior Warden, and the minor offices which he had filled. Bro. Weeden briefly acknowledged the honour which had been conferred upon him, and promised to do his utmost to promote the welfare of the New Concord Lodge during his term of office. Bro. John Stilwell P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services; and Bro. A. K. Turbefield was reappointed Tyler. The Auditors—Bros. W. B. Richards and J. R. Cordell—were re-elected, and compliments on the services they had rendered to the Lodge during the year. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, but this being an "off night,"

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there were only a few short toasts, led off with the Queen and Craft, our Masonic Rulers, followed by the health of the Worshipful Master, for which Bro. Potter suitably replied. In the course of the evening, Bro. Sherwill received the congratulations of the brethren upon his return to London, in the capacity of manager of the Queen Anne Restaurant, Cheapside; and the compliment was duly acknowledged. It was also stated that the New Concord Lodge of Instruction was about to start a Benevolent Association, and that Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had kindly consented to take the chair at the inaugural meeting, on 10th March, the anniversary of the marriage of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. The meeting is to be held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, and will be continued on the second Wednesday in each month, at eight o'clock, when visitors will be cordially welcomed. The brethren have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Bro. R. R. Harper as Secretary of the new Association, which is expected to prove a great success. One or two other toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 902.

THERE was a highly satisfactory gathering of the members of this old and sound Lodge on Monday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when Bro. W. Williams was installed in the chair in the presence of a large and distinguished company. Taking a review of the whole proceedings, it is apparent that the Lodge has well sustained its reputation for usefulness and charity under the genial presidency of Bro. W. Batty, and that in his successor will be found a ruler who will follow in the good old lines laid down by his predecessor. Lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock, with the usual formalities. The Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. Williams S.W. and W.M. elect, Castell J.W., Harvey P.M. Treasurer, Jeffreys P.M. Secretary, Field P.M. D.C., Cross S.D., Smith J.D.; P.M.'s Bros. Wale, Gabb, Pocock, Byng, Wilkin and Reynolds; Bro. Gilbert Prov. Grand Tyler Middlesex Tyler, and about 40 other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Wrennall P.P.G.S.B. Bristol, Wheat P.M. 753, Taylor P.M. 902, J. Antler P.M. 1441, Barnley P.M. 957, Taylor P.M. 101, Tory P.M. 507, Frost P.M. 228, Wilson P.M. 1328, Ferguson P.M., Cantle P.M., Making W.M. 1278, Alexander 1095, Atkins 548, White 132, E. W. Wills, G. T. Chretien 1328, G. Ellis 1962, C. Keeps 228, W. H. Wingfield P.M. 1360, H. J. Amphlett 1511, Arthur Coombes 1471, A. Jay 193, J. Hermann J.W. 1329, G. T. Turner 183, G. A. Dobbs 1586, R. W. Galer S.W. 1366, D. J. Bridegroom I.G. 1364, A. McDowall P.M. 948, J. H. Date 34, A. Dutton 34, J. Watts P.M. 507, and many others. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites the minutes of the last Lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. By fiat of the Worshipful Master the ballot was opened for Mr. William Wheatley, of Cow Cross Street, E.C., who had been proposed by Bro. Castell J.W., and seconded by Bro. Clarke; and for Mr. W. L. Kellaway, builder, of White Lion Street, Clerkenwell, whose sponsors were the W.M. elect and Bro. Field P.M. D.C. Both were unanimously accepted, and after the installation ceremony the latter was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. W. Williams was then presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was rendered in perfect manner by the retiring Master, whose working was much admired. On the re-admission of the Brethren the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted with the honours in the three degrees, after which he invested his Officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed: Bros. W. Batty I.P.M., C. Castell S.W., J. C. Cross J.W., R. H. Harvey P.M. Treasurer, H. C. Jefferys P.M. Secretary, R. N. Field P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. Gilbert Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered with excellent effect by Bro. Batty, who was subsequently presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented by the brethren of the Burgoyne Lodge, No 902, to Bro. W. Batty W.M., as a token of fraternal regard, and in appreciation of his services rendered during his year of Mastership. February 1886."

The jewel had on the bars the title of the Lodge, with a very chaste and elaborate centre-piece in diamonds. Mr. Kellaway, being in attendance, was duly initiated, and the business having been concluded, the members and visitors adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a *récherché* repast was served by Bro. Clemow, in a manner which might only be expected from this old and reputed establishment. The arrangements were all that could be desired for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests, and elicited expressions of unbounded satisfaction. At dessert the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the Immediate Past Master, in giving the health of the Worshipful Master, complimented Bro. Williams upon the position he had attained. He hoped the W.M. might have health and strength to carry him through his year of office; he was perfectly sure he would do so to the best of his ability and to the satisfaction of the brethren. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he did so with a certain amount of diffidence, but with pleasure at the very warm reception with which they had received the toast. He thanked the I.P.M. for the kindly terms in which the toast had been couched, and the brethren generally for the way in which they had accepted it. He was afraid that he had scarcely acquitted himself to their satisfaction, but if so they must attribute it to a slight nervousness on his part. He should endeavour to emulate the example of those who had preceded him in that position, and hoped by assiduity and application to work to merit that confidence which had been reposed in him. It would be his endeavour during his year of office to do all he could to promote the interests of the Lodge, as he had always done during the seven years he had been connected with it. He trusted that that night he had entered upon a happy year of office, and that they would all work in unison together as they had done since he had been in the Lodge. He then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. W. Batty I.P.M., and thanked him for the splendid way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The manner in which he had done the work was a credit to himself and highly satisfactory to the whole of the brethren. Bro. Batty had during his year of office discharged his duty with fervency and zeal, and he had now the very pleasing task of pinning to his breast the jewel which had been so unanimously voted to him by the members of the Lodge. He trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe might give him health and happiness for many years to wear it, as an emblem of the respect and esteem he was held in the Lodge and the appreciation by the brethren of his ability and the valuable services he had rendered. The I.P.M. had very great pleasure in acknowledging the encomiums which the brethren had passed upon him, and which he thought were more than he deserved. When he entered the Lodge he did his best to sustain the prestige it had for so many years enjoyed, and by dint of perseverance and attending to the Lodge of Instruction, also copying the example of the Past Masters, he had succeeded to the proud position he now occupied. He trusted that the jewel which had so kindly been presented to him would not die with him, but be handed down to his children, all of whom he hoped would become Freemasons, as a memento of the kindly feelings which had been so tangibly expressed towards him that night. He again thanked them most sincerely for the manner in which the toast had been received and wished for the Lodge a long career of prosperity. The health of the Initiate was then proposed by the Worshipful Master, and received with its customary heartiness. The W.M. was somewhat disappointed that evening; he fully expected to have had two initiates, but he believed that in Bro. Kellaway they had one of the right quality, and that he would prove himself an apt and worthy student of the Craft. They had seen a few of his qualities, and he had never known an initiate acquit himself more satisfactorily than their Brother initiate had done that evening. Bro. Kellaway, in responding, said it had been one of the greatest ambitions and wishes of his life, and more particularly during the last six years, during which he had been in business in London, to become attached to a Lodge of Freemasons. At the same time his desire was to become attached to a Lodge of gentlemen. And he felt very proud with the little he had already been able to see of those present. It should be his endeavour to acquire that knowledge of the mystic art which would in time entitle him to occupy the chair now so ably filled by the Worshipful Master. He thanked them very much for the kindness which had been shown him on the night of his initiation, and for the splendid entertainment which had been given. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Visitors, the toast being received with acclamation characteristic of the Burgoyne Lodge. Bro. W. Rennall P.P.G. Standard Bearer replied, and in doing so pointed out to the initiate that if he wished to obtain any prominence in Freemasonry he must take an active part in the work going on. There was a great responsibility resting upon all who joined the Fraternity, both in the practical and charitable work of Masonry. He was very glad to find that in London that excellent work was being carried out; he assured them that in his own Province of Bristol, though it only comprised eight Lodges, they were a very compact body, and were trying to emulate the example so well set before them by the brethren of the metropolis. They had cause to be exceedingly well satisfied with the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been rendered by the I.P.M., who had acquitted himself in a most masterly manner, that well entitled him to the handsome gift with which he had just been presented. He had never seen the ceremony better or more efficiently carried through than it had been by Bro. Batty. He hoped that the jewel would be handed down to posterity as a heirloom, showing the appreciation in which its recipient was at the present time held by the brethren of his Lodge. Bro. Frost, in the course of his response, said he had the honour of being present as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, and he impressed upon the younger members the great advantages to be obtained by attending Lodges of Instruction. To the Officers of the Lodge it was only necessary to observe that "practice makes perfect." He thanked them on behalf of the Visitors; and for his own invitation, by virtue of his position as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. then proposed the P.M.'s of the Burgoyne Lodge. He supposed there was scarcely a member of the Lodge but who knew and appreciated the vast amount of labour which the P.M.'s threw into the work of the Lodge. They were always in their places, ready by their council and assistance to forward the interests of the Burgoyne Lodge. Bro. W. Wilkin, responding on behalf of the P.M.'s, said he congratulated the W.M. upon entering into what they all hoped might prove a happy and prosperous year. It was an old saying in the Lodge that the P.M.'s were always willing to assist in the work, and it was a pleasing fact that the P.M.'s of this Lodge were not content to rest idle after they had passed the chair. A great number of them held offices in the Royal Arch Chapter intimately associated with the Lodge, viz., the Panmure, No. 820. Several of the Past Masters of this Lodge had passed the chair in that Chapter, of which he (the speaker) was now the M.E.Z. elect. He hoped that during his year many of the members of the Lodge would associate themselves with the Panmure Chapter. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge, whom he designated two of the best Officers in London. They carried out the duties devolving upon them with zeal and assiduity, and never thought it any trouble to go out of their way, if by so doing they could advance the interests of the Lodge. They were always at the beck and call of the members when required, and cheerfully performed any duties that were conducive to the well-being of the Craft. Bro. R. H. Harvey P.M. and Treasurer thanked the brethren very much for the manner in which the toast had been received. To be Treasurer of this Lodge was to him a labour of love. He had plenty of time on his hands and being the oldest Past Master present he felt it not only a duty, but a great pleasure, to fill the office to which he had been so unanimously re-elected. This was his

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fourth year of office, and it would be his endeavour in the future, as it had been in the past, to well look after their funds. He congratulated the Lodge upon having a good balance in hand. The Lodge stood in a sound position, and owed no man anything. This time last year they had a balance of £100, and during Bro. Batty's Mastership they had been very charitable. They had sent three Past Masters as Stewards on behalf of the Institutions; Bro. Byng went up as a Steward for the "Old People," Bro. Wilkin for the "Boys," and the Immediate Past Master for the "Girls;" they were each voted ten guineas to head their respective lists, and with other subscriptions similarly voted the total amount was brought up to 36 guineas. They had also purchased new regalia, and incurred other minor expenses, so that the balance in hand at the last Audit meeting stood at £52 13s 7d, this he thought was very satisfactory, showing that they thought of the Charities first, and their creature comforts afterwards. Their esteemed S.W., Bro. J. C. Cross, was going up as a Steward at the approaching Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and they were pledged to him for 10 guineas to his list, which sum he hoped would be substantially augmented by the brethren that evening. He hoped that the present Master might have as many initiates as Bro. Batty had been fortunate to admit, so that he might be enabled to extend that hospitality which he desired. His (the speaker's) great aim was to keep the Lodge out of debt, and so long as he was entrusted with their confidence he should be pleased to render whatever service he could to promote the best interests of the Lodge. Bro. H. C. Jeffery P.M. and Secretary also responded. He thanked them very warmly for the kind manner in which they had accepted his name in conjunction with this toast. For nine years, during which they had reposed confidence in him, he had worked amicably with the Treasurer and the members generally, and it was to him a source of satisfaction they had approved of his small efforts. As long as they entrusted him with the office he should strive to work for the furtherance of the Craft in general, and this Lodge in particular. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and in doing so said from what they had seen that day of the Officers whom he had the honour of appointing he had strong reason to believe they would acquit themselves equally as well as those who had gone before them. There was but one channel through which they could obtain position, and it was their duty regularly to attend the Lodge of Instruction. It was held at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, every Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m. The Officers respectively replied, and the list was closed in fitting manner by the Tyler. During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were rendered, notably amongst the former being Bros. Cantle, Coombes, and Reynolds. Altogether a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE regular Lodge meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present: Bros. R. C. Prickett W.M., J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., W. Ravenscroft S.W., H. Creed J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, B. W. Bennett acting S.D., W. Hickie J.D., H. G. Sherwin acting Organist, Chas. Slaughter I.G., J. Sparrow and F. Brown Stewards, Past Masters R. C. Horley, R. Dowsett, W. G. Flanagan, E. Margrett; W. Rhind, E. W. Ridley, S. Biggs, O. Egginton, T. P. Stewart, S. Knight, G. S. Smallwood. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Webb W.M. 2043, C. B. Tubbs S.D. 2043, Richard Armstrong M.M. Mary's Chapel, No. 1. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. H. G. Sherwin, of No. 1024, as a joining member, and was declared to be clear. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Smallwood, a candidate for raising to the third, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency, was entrusted, and he retired. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Smallwood was re-admitted and raised. The first part of the ceremony was performed by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. E. Margrett P.M. The Secretary read a letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary, informing the Lodge that a grant of £10 10s had been awarded to the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, from the Charity Fund, and wishing to be informed to which of the Masonic Charities the Lodge would like the grant appropriated; also informing the members that the Charity Committee had adopted the cases of Widow Leaver and Widow Ford for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. E. Margrett P.M. proposed, and Bro. J. H. Hawkes I.P.M. seconded, that the Prov. Grand Lodge grant of £10 10s be added to the Worshipful Master's list, as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival on 26th Feb.; this was carried. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in usual form and adjourned.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

THE installation of Bro. J. Palmer took place on Monday, 22nd inst., at the Soldier's Institute, Portsmouth, when the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Nayler P.M. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. G. F. Bevis S.W., P. H. Emanuel J.W., Rev. Dr. William Stern Chaplain, T. Tuffnell Treasurer, J. R. Pither P.M. Secretary, W. Miller S.D., Q. Cecconi J.D., H. Kerridge I.G., A. Chugg D.C., G. Williams and J. Coote Stewards. Bro. Tufnell was presented with a Founders' jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, as a mark of high esteem. The sum of £21 was voted towards the Provincial Education Fund. After closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet, well served by Bro. Mayhour. Amongst those present were Bros. Woodhouse, Palmer, Reading, Bevis, Pither, Emanuel, Chugg, Robinson, Cecconi, Adames, Miller, Nayler, Dillon, Horne, Porter, Tuffnell, Beckley, White, Fisher, Cook, A. W. Bevis, Williams, Prior, Coote, Honey, Skeens, Allen, and Tingle, members of the Lodge. The Visitors included Bros. Goble P.G.S., Jackson P.G. Steward, Gieve I.P.M., Gilmour W.M. 309, Sanders W.M. 312, Smoker W.M., Pocock S.W., and Hann 928, Dempsey W.M. and Ch. Lorkin Organist 933, Batchelor I.P.M. 1705, Whitcman 1272, Foster W.M. and White jun. 1776, Long W.M. 1903, Lancaster I.P.M. 1950, Brockwell P.M. S.W. 2071.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury. Present: Bros. Abbs W.M., Tomblings S.W., Pepper J.W., Beckett Secretary, McClintock S.D., Clayton J.D., Geddes Steward, Cockersell I.G., Past Masters Hammond and Blamires. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Pepper, Clayton, Tomblings, Cockersell, and McClintock explained the working tools of the first and second degrees. Lodge was closed in second degree, and after routine work the brethren separated.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—At the meeting on Tuesday, the 16th inst., the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. R. Clay Sallow P.G.S.D. Kent, Bro. H. M. Hobbs being W.M. elect. This brother afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. Gordon Smith S.W., W. G. Oates J.W., J. D. Langton Secretary, A. Toulmin S.D., E. M. Morriss J.D., T. Barnes I.G. The whole ceremony and the charges were rendered in Bro. Sallow's well-known impressive manner. There were also present Bros. Fraser, Knight, Carter, Holden, Marshall, Ridpath, Barnes, &c. Visitors: Bros. Harrison, Martin, &c. Bro. Sudlow, who had been formerly Preceptor of the Lodge, was unanimously elected an honorary member, and a cordial vote of thanks passed to him for his kindness in acting as Installing Master. After the Lodge had been closed, the third meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association was held, Bro. J. D. Langton, the Vice-President of the Society, in the chair. The Treasurer announced that 111 shares had been taken up, and three ballots of 10 guineas each were drawn, these were appropriated to Bros. Jansen, Rauson, and Royal.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. Hancock W.M., Giddings S.W., Guler J.W., Casely S.D., Keogh I.G., Forge acting Preceptor, Ware Secretary, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wood acting as candidate. Bros. Wood, White, and Moore answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, but were not entrusted. Bro. Francis Moore 1693 was elected a member. Lodge then closed in due form. On the 22nd inst. Bros. Giddings W.M., Flack J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Cooper acting Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Monday, the 29th March, by Bro. Western I.P.M. 1693. The annual supper will be held on Monday, 22nd March, Bro. Cooper W.M. 1693 S.W. 1959 in the chair, Bro. R. P. Forge S.W. 1693 P.M. 610, 1950, in the vice-chair. Tickets, 4s each, can be had of the Committee, and Bro. J. H. Collingridge, Secretary, 66 Thornhill Road, N.

A regular meeting of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, will be held at 8A, Red Lion Square, Holborn, at 5.30 p.m., on Thursday, 4th March, the day after Grand Lodge Meeting, when the brethren from the Northern Counties will have an opportunity of paying their fraternal respects to their Northern Brethren in London. We are sure they will receive a hearty welcome.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will take place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday evening, the 9th March, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. H. W. Kedgley, W.M. of the mother Lodge, will be Chairman, and Bro. John Jacobs I.P.M. Vice Chairman. Stewards: Bros. G. P. Bertini W.M. 1559, J. Bromley 179, J. R. Hamell 511, J. R. Hamell 2021, Wilkie Jones S.W. 820, F. Kedge 749, R. Rook 1681, H. G. Marsden 73, C. Ralph A.W.S. 1614, D. Strond 55, and E. L. P. Valeriani W.M. 1687. The tickets are 3s 6d each, and may be had of the Stewards, or of Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, 3 St. James' Square, Pall Mall, S.W.

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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 FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
[illegible]—Derby, 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—Feckston, 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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7 30. (In)
[illegible]—Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, [illegible] Street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1162—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Paddington
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 1st MARCH.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Camberia Tavern, Camberia Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30 (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
48—Stanley Mas, Excise Tavern, Old Bethnal 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—Pantiles, 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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1459—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1885—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1008—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1628—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kings and, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8 (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

R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
R.A. 1615—Rayner, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Canmore, 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, Buyslie Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Burnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
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)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1000—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1015—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
1443—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Cuer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1708—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

TUESDAY, 2nd 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
[illegible]—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, 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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—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.
654—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)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1366—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1391—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1343—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1406—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1411—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)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-terrace, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broadstreet-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1919—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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

Prov. Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
123—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
138—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
361—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
491—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
845—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Brlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
918—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lindale, 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, Retcar.
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. Elvth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Saint Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveland.
1870—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 816—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, 3rd MARCH.

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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
108—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Goodman's-yard, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Horse Shoe, Tottenham Court Road, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
534—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—Whittington, Red Lion, Poultry, corner of Poet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1478—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 304 & 6 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.
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer's-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.
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Gt. Junction Road, New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

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.—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
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle-on-Ty
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
534—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.
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

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1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1823—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.)
1362—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
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
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 200—Old Globe, Lordesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
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, 4th 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.
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.)
1196—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)
1329—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 Meddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, 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)
1625—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
2129—United Northern Counties, 98 Red Lion Square, W.C.

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 174—Somerset, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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.)

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
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
268—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
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
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
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Trent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Beauty, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Leeds, Town Hall, Leeds, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Ben Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Sparkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1550—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1584—Caldewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1635—Waddesdon, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknockshire

1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

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, Sue field

FRIDAY, 5th MARCH.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
537—United Pilgrims, [illegible], at 7.30. (Instruct.)
700—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
740—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, Grange St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
749—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1295—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, La Belle Sauvage Inn, 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. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Greyhound 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. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

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
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, 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

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Dexham.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Shaftesbury, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High Street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Manchester
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. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 6th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
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)
1672—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1822—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1824—Prevention, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
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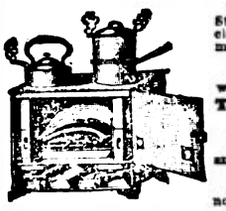

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, who was supported by Arthur M. Saunders, District Grand Master of Madras, as Deputy Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford S.G.W., Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West J.G.W., Rev. Canon G. R. Portal and Rev. R. N. Sanderson Grand Chaplains, Major John W. Woodall Grand Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Thomas Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary German Correspondence, A. Meadows, M.D., S.G.D., F. H. Goldney J.G.D., Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. H. Paul, M.D., D.G.D.C., Butler Wilkins and G. P. Brockbank Grand Standard Bearers, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist, Henry Garrod Grand Pursuivant, and A. Lucking Assistant Grand Pursuivant, together with a large number of Past Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the December Communication were read and confirmed, and then the brethren proceeded to the election of a Grand Master for the ensuing year. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proposed for re-election by Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., and the proposition having been seconded by Bro. Charles Martin P.G. Steward, His Royal Highness was unanimously re-elected, and afterwards proclaimed by Sir Albert Woods G.D.C., as Grand Master of England. Bro. Burdett-Coutts, in making the proposition, said the members of Grand Lodge owed the Prince of Wales not only the loyalty that attached to the Heir to the Throne, but also that special loyalty which all Masons must entertain towards one who had rendered the Craft such distinguished services as he had done. During the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales 600 or 700 new Lodges had been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and every year some 800 or 900 brethren had been initiated; vast sums had been subscribed to the great Masonic Charities, and large amounts distributed by the Board of Benevolence. The Prince of Wales was one who combined in himself not only the dignity of his Royal position and special Masonic qualifications to which he had alluded, but whose character was so gracious and genial that he had endeared himself to every man who came in contact with him. The election of G. Treasurer was the next business, and scrutineers having been appointed, under the Chairmanship of Brother Robert Grey P.G.D., the balloting papers were collected, and the scrutineers retired for the counting. The proposition which stood in the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, "that the sum of two hundred guineas be voted from the fund of General Purposes as a donation from Grand Lodge to the Mansion House Fund now being raised for the relief of the unemployed in London," was submitted from the chair, seconded by the acting Dep. G.M., and carried unanimously. The G.M. in the chair, in making the proposition, said he had in his hand a letter from the private secretary of the Grand Master, stating the great regret the Prince of Wales felt in not being able to be present that evening, in order that he might himself put the motion before Grand Lodge, a motion in which he felt very deep interest. The absence of the Prince of Wales on the continent prevented his being present, and he had delegated whoever might fill the chair of Grand Lodge that evening to make the proposition. Bro. Sandeman felt it was sufficient for the brethren to know that their Grand Master, with his large heart of charitable feeling and of sympathy for his fellow human beings, should have made the proposition to ensure its being carried, but apart from that, all knew the tremendous and very great distress which was existing, and had existed, amongst the unemployed in London. He put the proposition before them, as charitable men, without further remarks. In declaring the motion carried, the acting Grand Master said that as it had been agreed to with such unanimous feeling he presumed the brethren would allow the staff of Grand Lodge to pay the sum over at once in anticipation of the confirmation of the minute at the next Quarterly Communication, a suggestion which was received with hearty cheers. The grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, and of which we gave a list in our last issue, were then agreed to, while the Report of the Board of General Purposes, also published by us last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D., President of the Board, in proposing that the Report be adopted, referred to the rule which limited the salaries of the clerks in the Grand Secretary's Office. In 1874 when the rule was made, there were five clerks in the office, now there were seven. Then there were some 1,800 Lodges and Chapters on the roll, now there were 2,700—an increase of fifty per cent. The work had naturally increased. The two brethren whose salaries it was proposed to increase, and who had served thirteen years, were in precisely the same condition, in regard to salary, as their juniors who had only served eight years. The adoption of the Report was agreed to unanimously. The report of the Colonial Board was also taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Its adoption was subsequently moved by Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. (the President of the Colonial Board), seconded by Brother Brackstone Baker P.G.D., and agreed to unanimously by Grand Lodge. Bro. Brackstone Baker, in the course of his remarks said, that when the Grand Lodge of Canada was established, in 1859, there was an understanding that those English Lodges in Canada which wished to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England should do so, as it was admitted on both sides they had a perfect right to do. In fact, Brother Colonel Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, writing to the Earl of Zetland, on the 9th of February 1859, said, that "he had ever held that any subordinate Lodges preferring to continue under their English warrant, had a perfect and undoubted right to do so, and were entitled to all their Masonic privileges." On this principle being admitted, the Grand Lodge of Canada was at once recognised. Again when the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed the very same conditions were laid down, and those conditions having been now violated by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, he, as the representative of that Grand Lodge in Grand Lodge of England, begged respectfully to be permitted to throw up his representative patent.

The Scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Treasurer then presented their statement of the numbers polled on behalf of the respective candidates, and the acting Grand Master declared Brother Cama to be elected by a large majority. The actual votes polled were—

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For Bro. D. P. Cama P.M. 1159	...	599
„ „ R. B. Martin P.M. 1506	...	150
Majority in favour of Bro. Cama	...	449

Bro. Harding having presented his report of the receipts and disbursements of Grand Lodge during the year 1885, the same was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The two appeals of which notice had been given were, on the recommendation of Bro. Philbrick G. Reg. dismissed, while the motion by Bro. D. D. Mercer was lost by a large majority. This proposition was to the effect that no brother who is in receipt of an annuity from the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution shall be entitled to participate in the funds at the disposal of the Board of Benevolence, and Brother Mercer, in moving it said, it arose out of what happened at the Board of Benevolence in January. A brother who was then, and now, receiving an annuity of £40 from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and who had been relieved in 1870, applied to the Board for further assistance. When he (Bro. Mercer) looked at the Book of Constitutions at that meeting he found there was no rule as to how such a case should be treated. There was a difference among the brethren at the Board, whether they should entertain the case or not; but the petition was so strongly supported by many influential brethren who were present, that they determined at last to recommend that a sum should be granted to the brother; but, in order to know how to act in the future, he thought it better that Grand Lodge should decide. At the meeting he had said, and he said again, it was opening the door to a very bad principle to grant relief to brethren who were annuitants of the Benevolent Institution. The supporters of the petitioner made a very strong appeal that, inasmuch as he had done a very great deal for Masonry, and a great deal for the Masonic Charities, he should be relieved. He admitted the brother had done a great deal for both, but his reply was, that if the brother had done all this amount of good his work was most munificently rewarded by a grant, on a former occasion, of £250 from the Board of Benevolence. Brother Nunn P.G. Sword Bearer, President of the Board of Benevolence, seconded the motion. As Grand Lodge gave £1600 a year to the Benevolent Institution, and the brother had been previously relieved very handsomely by the Board of Benevolence, he thought that brother had no right to appeal again. Brother F. Binckes P.G. Steward opposed the motion, and repeated the statements as to the great amount of good the brother in question had done to Freemasonry. He contended that the leading principle and tenet of Freemasonry was Charity. If a brother, or a widow, or children were in distress, that distress was not to be refused relief because the object of Charity was in receipt of £40 a year. It had been stated at the Board of Benevolence that if this particular case was relieved by the Board, every annuitant of the Benevolent Institution would be coming to the Board of Benevolence for further relief; but he begged Grand Lodge to remember this, that the members of the Board had confidence reposed in them to deal with every individual case on its merits, and if any annuitant's case was brought before the Board, if it was unworthy, the Board would have sufficient discrimination to discover the fact. He asked Grand Lodge not to indulge in a systematic legislation of disfranchisement, or to deprive the Board of Benevolence of the discretion with which it was entrusted. Brother James Stevens and several others spoke in favour of Brother Binckes's view of the case, and eventually, as we have said, the original proposition was rejected by a large majority. Grand Lodge was then closed.

THE SO-CALLED SWEDENBORG RITE.

By Brother Jacob Norton.

STEINBRENNER'S "Origin of Masonry" appeared in New York in 1863 or 1864, and the English editions of Findel's history were successively published in 1866 and 1869. The said works furnished conclusive evidence that Masonic degrees did not exist before 1717 and that Templarism and Scotch Riteism were unknown to have had any connection with Masons or Masonry before 1735. I have here, however, another book, published in 1870 in the same office wherein Steinbrenner's "Origin" was published, viz., "The Swedenborg Rite," by Samuel Beswick, in which the author claims that high degreedom in Masonry was an old institution in 1717. He says:

"Upsal, where Swedenborg graduated, has been rendered somewhat famous by the Philosophical degrees of St. Martin. In one of the degrees Upsal is spoken of as the first place which sent forth Freemasonry and the Templar Order over Europe. It represents that eighty-one Masons came to Europe about 1150, under the care of Garimont, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and went to Sweden to the Archbishop of Upsal, where they inclosed all their Masonic information in a marble tomb, placed in a subterranean vault. This tomb was subsequently discovered, &c., &c. And according to St. Martin, these eighty-one Masons established Freemasonry in Europe, and nine of them established the Order of the Temple."

The above tradition annihilates with "one fell swoop" the Grand Masterships of St. Alban, St. Augustin, King Alfred, Athelstan, and others; for in that case Masonry could not have reached Egypt but a few years before the reign of Henry II. The antiquity of Masonic Templarism having been proved on the authority of St. Martin, Bro. Beswick's history of Swedenborg's Templar Masonry seems very plausible. He says:

"When about eighteen years of age, in the year 1706, and whilst [Swedenborg] was on a visit to his home in Brunsbo * * * he went to see the University of Lund. Here he was for the first time initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, taking the Chapter degrees of the Scottish Rite, which formed part of the series. On his return he joined or affiliated with the Stockholm Chapter."

If it should be objected that Swedenborg was in 1706 only eighteen years of age, and that he must have falsified his age in order to gain admission, we reply that it was customary to initiate in the Continental Chapters and Lodges at an age so low as seventeen, Masonic discipline was so lax that all the Continental Universities had their Chapters and Lodges, which acknowledged no governing head, and therefore it is no wonder that they became disorderly from the intemperate conduct of their youthful members. For mere boys were admitted, and the only qualification for membership was, that the candidate shall have been on the roll of the University."

The question however is, what became of the Lund University Lodge? And Bro. Beswick explains it by the following anecdote:—He says that the Jesuits had composed an anti-Masonic sarcastic ballad (and they must have set it to music too). This ballad was distributed among the non-Masonic students, and, after which, whenever and wherever a youthful Knight appeared, the satirical ballad was invariably hummed into his ears, and this caused the breaking up of the Lund Lodge. But the mischief did not end there. Bro. Beswick says:—

"It was this lack of discipline and independence of the University Chapters and Lodges which caused Von Ecklef, Master of Stockholm Chapter * * * to give the Swedish system to Zinnerdorf without the privity of the Grand Lodge. Hence, the reason why, for half a century after Swedenborg's initiation, the debasement of the Order became inevitable, and hundreds of degrees were fabricated and promulgated in the Lodges to the great detriment of the Order and the scandal of Symbolic Masonry. Scores of systems were in operation at the same time, each patronised and defended by able advocates in every station of life."

It is strange that while Bro. Beswick was acquainted with several languages, and was fully aware of the fabrication in the last century of innumerable Masonic degrees and Rites, that not the slightest suspicion entered his mind that his own high degrees were also invented in the last century, and such is the case with all our advocates of certain pet rights of their own. Their pets they claim as ancient, but all other Rites they denounce as bogus, &c. Thus, a majority of the members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts have become infatuated with certain high degrees, and therefore the said Grand Lodge declared and resolved that only their pet degrees belong to ancient Masonry. The truth however is, the one kind of high degrees are no more ancient than the other kinds, they are merely "six of one and half a dozen of the other."

Bro. Beswick gives a full account of all the visits Swedenborg made in the course of his travels in Europe to various Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies—one specimen will suffice. He informs us that "Swedenborg

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remained in Stralsund from 1713-14 to the spring of 1715. Here again he renewed his visits to Chapters and Commanderies of these two seaside towns, and here he was perhaps better known amongst the fraternity from his visits during this period of his history than from his associations in Stockholm."

Whence Brother Beswick gathered his information about Swedenborg's visits to Masonic Lodges in 1715, and up to the time of his death, I cannot tell. In fact, he had no positive proof to give, but he got hold of a letter which Swedenborg wrote from Stockholm in 1715, after his return from a visit made to his brother, in which he stated, "I might easily have arrived yesterday, had it not been for the darkness and uncertainty of finding quarters with some one in a blue dress." Be it remembered that Sweden was then at war with Russia, Denmark, &c., it is not improbable that people in Stockholm may then have been divided in opinion, and that the different parties may have adopted different colours, and that a green dress may have distinguished one of the parties from the others. Bro. Beswick, however, says, that "Swedenborg's allusion to the blue dress had no reference to any special relation or acquaintance, as the reader might suppose * * * but it alludes to the dress belonging to the Order of Sublime and Ineffable Masonry which he had joined."

But the question still remains, where is the documentary evidence that Swedenborg was an Ineffable Mason? or a Mason at all? To this he replies as follows:—

"In the archives of the Chapter at Christianstadt there is an old record book containing the minutes of a Convention or Lodge held in Wittshoffe, 5th June 1785 * * * Among other things, the minutes state that the first brother of the watch, Lieutenant-Colonel and Knight Baltzar Wedemar, upon this occasion delivered a Lecture on Masonry * * * In this lecture he mentioned the writings of Swedenborg, and spoke of his career as a Freemason, that he [Swedenborg] visited Charles XII. in Altensted in order to have the high Orders of Masonry introduced into Sweden. That Mr. Wedemar himself had visited the Lodge in London which Swedenborg joined in the year 1706, and that the signature of his name is in the register of the Lodge."

The said London Lodge is said to have been named Emanuel Lodge, No. 6. Now, if Swedenborg was initiated in London, he could not also have been initiated at Lund in the same year. To this Bro. Beswick replies:

"The Swedenborgian Masons in Stockholm and Sweden generally supposed that Swedenborg was first initiated in an English Lodge, called Emanuel Lodge, No. 6, London: but this is undoubtedly a mistake. The writer heard of this report over twenty years ago, when he and others were hunting for information in relation to Swedenborg's career as a Freemason, and the report proved to be without the least foundation."

Bro. Beswick very justly objects to the "No. 6 London Lodge" theory, for the following reasons: first, Lodges in England in those days were known only by the names of the public-houses wherein they held their meetings, and had no other names; second, that in 1717 there were only four Lodges in London; and third, he quotes from a letter of an English Grand Secretary, that the records of the early Lodges did not exist; and on the other hand, he shows that in some French Geographical Dictionary *Lund* is called *Lunden*, and Lunden was mistaken for London. All this, however, might have been admitted as reasoning if it was not too well known that Masonic Chapters, Commanderies, and high Orders in Masonry did not exist either in 1706, or at any period during the lifetime of Charles XII. of Sweden; and if a Bro. Wedemar delivered in Sweden in 1785 such a lecture as above intimated, it simply proves that he was not a bit more veracious than a thousand and one of our English and American St. John's Day orators were, and still are. In short, all the evidence thus far furnished by Bro. Beswick is totally worthless to prove that Swedenborg was a Mason.

But yet, as Swedenborg was an indefatigable writer, and he left many of his writings, in the shape of books, letters, &c., hence some evidence of Swedenborg's knowledge of Masonry I thought might have been discovered in Swedenborg's writings. Such, however, is not the case, as the following admission of Bro. Beswick himself shows. In the last chapter of his book he says:—

"From the very moment of his initiation, Swedenborg appears to have resolved never to allude to his membership or to his knowledge of Freemasonry either publicly or privately. He appears to have made up his mind to keep it a profound secret. * * * We have searched his Itinerary, which contains brief references to everything he saw, heard, and read during his travels, for something having relation to his Masonic knowledge, intercourse, correspondence, visits to Lodges, places or persons; but there is a studied silence and systematic avoidance of allusion to it. The time which he devotes (meaning devoted) to Masonic intercourse is always a perfect blank in his journal. The whole of 1737, and the spring of 1738, is a blank. * * * Exactly twelve months after, he returns to Paris, and again his journal is a blank during the whole of 1739 and 1740, including the Masonic visits he made on his way home. Many Masonic letters must have been sent to him during the last twenty years of his life, from France especially, but not one can be found. All Masonic correspondence seems to have been systematically destroyed."

A man endowed with an ounce of common sense would have taken Swedenborg's silence about Masonry as an evidence that he knew nothing about it. But our high degree Masons, though they may have pounds of learning, as a rule lack the proverbial ounce of common sense. Hence, Swedenborg's silence, according to the marvellous reasoning of Bro. Beswick, is the strongest proof that Swedenborg was a Mason. He says:

"Knowing it as well as he did, he (Swedenborg) would undoubtedly have condemned it, and illustrated its tendency in the memorable relations of his theological writings; if he had disapproved of it, his mouth would not have remained sealed * * * His silence proves his great consistency as a Mason, even if he approved of it." To which he adds, "We think we are justified in affirming that Swedenborg never had any official position in a Lodge."

I confess that up to the time I got hold of Beswick's book I had not met in a Masonic publication any information relating to the "Swedenborg Rite; and I naturally supposed that Swedenborg was a Mason, and was the manufacturer of a Rite. The book before me, however, convinced me that Swedenborg never was a Mason at all.

After I had copied the above questions from Bro. Beswick's book, and had interlarded them with some comments, I consulted our three standard Masonic Cyclopædias. Well, Bro. Mackenzie says, "It can hardly be admitted that he (Swedenborg) was of the Fraternity." Brother Woodford, in Kenning's Cyclopædia, says, "We deny that Swedenborg was a Mason." And Dr. Mackey, after giving several extracts from Swedenborg's theological writings, says, "Such passages as these might lead one to suppose that Swedenborg was familiar with the system of Masonic ritualism. His complete reticence from the subject, however, and the whole tenour of his life, his studies, and his habits, assure us that such was not the case; and that if there was any borrowing of one from another, and not an accidental coincidence, it was the Freemasons of the high degrees who borrowed from Swedenborg, and not Swedenborg from them; and if so, we cannot deny that he has unwittingly exercised a powerful influence on Masonry."

Or, in other words, instead of Swedenborg having been Masonised by the high degreers, the high degrees were Swedenborgianised through the writings of Swedenborg. The general opinion however is, that one of the French degree fabricators manufactured three new degrees and clapped them on to the original English three degrees, and palmed them off as a "Swedenborg Rite." The said Rite is thus explained by Bro. Beswick:

1st. York Rite or Templar Masonry of three degrees, being an embodiment of the ancient original ritual, dating back to the period of building Solomon's Temple.

2nd. Swedenborg Rite of Symbolic Masonry of three degrees, and dating back to a period preceding the building of Solomon's Temple."

He also explains the Rite as follows. After naming in succession the first three English degrees, he says:

"4th. Enlightened Freemason, or green brother; 5th, Sublime Freemason, or blue brother; and 6th, Perfect Freemason, or red brother."

I shall only add that Bro. Gould merely refers to Swedenborg's influence on the Swedish Rite. Bro. Findel, though he gave a sketch of Swedenborg's life, never seems to have doubted Swedenborg's Masonry. Bro. Rebold is emphatic, and refers to him as "one of the most

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eminent Masons of the time—the Brother Swedenborg." And if it had not been for the over zeal of Bro. Beswick, I think that our Masonic Cyclopædists would never have questioned Swedenborg's connection with the Craft. Thus, one by one, the pretensions of the high degrees were exposed. But yet such is the prevailing appetite for more degrees that the last swindle, viz., "The Mystic Shrine," seems to be a success, for hundreds are madly rushing into it in all the States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

BOSTON, U.S., 17th February 1886.

MASONIC TRIPLES.

PART I.—THE FOUNDATION.

INTRODUCTORY to the subject it may be well to explain that in what follows it is not intended that any new system of philosophical reasoning will be presented, nor is it expected, if it were possible, that all the ground will be covered which is suggested by the subject: Masonic Triples. But the object is to unlock a part of the mysteries of Masonry with the assistance of the threefold key, and inquire what the Institution is, what it teaches, and what are the duties which it enjoins?

The subject itself is threefold, and an analysis based upon the symbolism of the Temple logically presents the parts in the order we have chosen: First, the foundation; second, the edifice; third, the ornamentation.

The man who is made a Mason is early told that he is about to receive truths which will enable him to build his true Masonic edifice; or, in other words, as a Mason his character must become conformed, to the proper contour of the stones of that spiritual building, that temple not made with hands. How shall he do it? What door does the triple-key unlock that light may shine and give the neophyte "good and wholesome instruction?"

Let us inquire, What is Masonry? The authorized Text-Book of Vermont, and it agrees substantially with the manuals or monitors of all the other jurisdictions, answers the question in these words: "It is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Truth is its centre, the point whence its *radii* diverge. It leads its disciples to a correct knowledge of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the moral laws He has ordained for their government."

The threefold answer as contained in the "Ancient Constitutions," which are declared to be "obligatory, as fundamental regulations, in all parts of the world," is in these words, which we number to emphasize the proper division, as follows: (1.) "Whoever, from love of knowledge, interest, or curiosity, desires to be a Mason, is to know that as his foundation and great corner-stone, he is firmly to believe in the Eternal God, and to pay that worship which is due to Him as the Great Architect and Governor of the Universe." (2.) "A Mason must observe the moral law. And if he rightly understands the royal art, he will never be an atheist, or an irreligious libertine; and will never act against the great inward light of his own conscience." (3.) "He will likewise shun the errors of bigotry and superstition, making a due use of his own reason, according to that liberty wherewith a Mason is made free; for though in ancient time Masons were charged to comply with the religious opinions and usages of the country or nation where they sojourned or worked, yet it is now thought most expedient that the brethren in general should only be charged to adhere to the essentials of religion, in which all men agree, leaving each brother to his own judgment as to particular *forms*. Whence, being good men and true, of unsullied honour and unfailing honesty, the Order becomes the centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship."

The literature of the Fraternity upon this subject is both voluminous and learned. The best energies of many minds have been spent in throwing light upon the theory of our Institution, and these brothers, while they have been far from a textual agreement, have imparted distinguishing characteristics to the public teachings of our Craft which are well known. Because of this fact we begin by quoting the original language in which our ancient brethren promulgated the "fundamental regulations" so that the reader may see clearly the foundation of the system. And this is the more necessary because we are known, in the world around us, by what our own writers have averred were the tenets of the Fraternity. We find in a leading encyclopædia, in connection with a long and scholarly history of Freemasonry, this answer to the question of "What is Masonry?" and while the inference to be drawn therefrom is not as palatable as a true and loyal brother could wish, there is no use in trying to argue it aside. It is the studied, candid, and (we may say) impartial verdict of a board of editors second to none in the world. They state: "As regards the future of Freemasonry, it is impossible at least for outsiders to say much. The celebration of the Brotherhood of Man, and the cultivation of universal goodness in the abstract, seem rather indefinite objects for any society in this unimaginative age. There is, on the one hand, a tendency to degenerate into mere conviviality; while if schools, or asylums, or other charities are supported, to that extent of course the society becomes local and even exclusive in its character. In the meantime, Masonry is to blame for keeping afloat in the minds of its members many of the most absolutely puerile ideas. A more accurate knowledge of its own singular and not undignified history would tend more than anything else to give worth and elevation to its aims. No one now believes the stupid slander that Freemasons are engaged in any definite conspiracy against the state, religion, or social order. There is, however, something in their fundamental principles, the fraternity of men, and their indifference to theological belief, and also in their recent movements, which perhaps justifies the suspicion, and even hatred, with which they are regarded by the Ultramontane party. Masonry in each country, of course, takes its colouring from the state of thought and feeling by which it is surrounded, but it cannot be disputed that the German, Dutch, Belgian and French magazines of the Craft occasionally exhibit a tone which is not favourable to Christianity regarded as a special revelation. The tendency of political opinion in such an association is also necessarily democratic; and while it would be absurd *to* make the brotherhood answerable for the opinions of Mazzini, or the outrages of the Commune, and while the majority of Brethren are loyal subjects, and probably orthodox Christians (in the theological sense,) the Institution itself undoubtedly 'makes for' liberty in matters both civil and spiritual."

In this excerpt the reader's mind grasps the verdict of history upon the first one hundred and sixty-eight years of our Institution as Speculative Craft Masonry. Is it true? We think it is false in several important particulars; that the "fundamental regulations" of the Ancient Constitutions convey a very diverse impression, and that it is high time the arguements *pro* and *con* concerning Freemasonry's antiquity, its *higher* or *three* degrees, were merged into a candid inquiry how shall a brother best learn and practise the *three* great duties which, as a Mason, he is charged to inculcate: to God, to his neighbour, and to himself? The symbolism of the Institution sinks to a secondary place beside this question. "It is the design of the Masonic Institution to make its votaries wiser, and therefore better," and if this design is not achieved, what matters it whether there be any legitmate degrees or any society at all?

The voice of Masonic Triples, based upon the first part of the Ancient Constitutions, cited above, teaches that the foundation of the Masonic edifice is "to believe in the Eternal God." This certainly implies that the regulating power is supernatural; that a belief in Revelation is an essential, and logically explains *why* there are "three great lights," and that the chief one of these is the Bible. This position admitted, the Holy Bible (the New Testament as well as the Old) becomes indeed a "rule and guide," and in all Lodges is "dedicated to God, because it is the inestimable gift of God to man." Our investigation, therefore, will be from a Christian standpoint. We say *Christian* advisedly, but not in a sectarian sense. By Christianity here we mean that Spirit of God in the world which saves from the blight of sin; the power which is destined to work the world's redemption from the curse of the broken law; the leaven which will ultimately restore man to the holiness marred by sin, and which, when it shall have filled the earth, will usher in that era of universal brotherhood which is the fulness of the Masonic type. In short, the voice of the first great Masonic Triple teaches the God of the Bible, the brotherhood of the Bible, the manhood of the Bible; these, and nothing less, or the Masonic Institution belies the plain readings of its ritual.

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Antiquity, therefore, for the Christian morality which breathes through every part of Speculative Masonry, cannot be conceded. A sort of caste or brotherhood may be traced in systems of the "Mysteries" prior to the Christian era, it is true, but that fraternity was not founded upon the law of sacrifice, inculcated by the "Golden Rule," which is the present basis of the Masonic profession, and which has only been known since the first Christmas anthem was sung amid Judean hills. The brother who denies the "Glad Tidings:" "Peace on earth: good will to man," or who seeks to hide the living personality behind a vague generalization, rejects the central support in the foundation of the Fraternity to which he would fain adhere, and throws to the winds his best argument *why* Masonry *exists*. A supernatural foundation is necessary because of deadly evil to remedy; if natural morality is sufficient why is the Masonic brotherhood desirable as an auxiliary of Christian civilization or for any other purpose?

The brother's future Masonic and moral edifice is to be builded according to the divine plan of the Temple, the pattern and details whereof were a matter of direct revelation. The contrast or comparison between this sacred edifice and the symbolism of Masonry form an invaluable and almost inexhaustible mine of knowledge. The number three is the only key which satisfactorily unlocks the sealed recesses of our mystic temple. Let us look at a few of the Triples.

The Tabernacle was the type; the Temple was its consummation. They each had three apartments, the holy of holies where the highest act of worship was to be performed, the apartment of sacrifice, and the outer court of congregation. Corollary we find Masonry to possess a triple: Faith, Hope, Charity. Reference being had to the Ancient Constitutions (above), we find this triple to mean belief and worship (Faith), sacrifice for the good of others (Hope the mainspring), Love the centre of union ("Charity that never faileth.") Thrice in the Temple Builder's life was Solomon directed by prophetic dreams and visions—at the three epochs of his rise, his climax and his fall. Masonry directs special attention to the three steps, which are emblematical of youth, manhood, and age. The parallel symbolism from authentic history and our monitors is striking. Entered Apprentices should strive after the attainment of knowledge, so that as Fellow Crafts they may discharge their duty to God, to their neighbours, and to themselves, that so as Master Masons they may enjoy the rewards of a well-spent life and attain unto a blissful immortality. Solomon was blessed in just so much as he followed these divine maxims. The Temple itself had a threefold history. David was the *Proposer*; Solomon was the *Founder*; and latter men were the *Purifiers* and *Restorers*. So in Masonry we find *three* degrees, of the original body, and several supplemental or *restored* mysteries. Like all great works the original Temple was the result of a long succession of events. This is also true of Masonry in its early history as a progressive institution, and which will reasonably account for many things not plain to the profane.

And this introduces the first part of our subject: the foundation of our Speculative Masonic and moral edifice. The permanence of our Institution depends upon the answer given, and just here we shall be obliged to differ with many brothers and those whose interpretations have called out the quotation in the Encyclopædia mentioned above. The true ground to take is to plant one's feet firmly upon the triune God of the Bible. This position is historically accurate as well. Masonically it breathes in every ceremony of the Grand and Secular Lodge. The invocation in the charge to the Grand Master at his installation is: "May the Father of Light, of Life, and of Love [Father, Saviour, Comforter], give you wisdom, &c. The Worshipful Master at his installation is particularly charged: "The Holy Writings, that great light in Masonry, will guide you to all truth: it will direct your paths to the temple of happiness, and point out to you the whole duty of man." Historically, it is now known, from recent discoveries and translations of the rituals of the dead of the ancient Egyptians, that their Deity was triune. Their religion was not a belief in many gods, but in One Threefold Deity, represented to the eye by diverse and varied forms. Granted, then, that our Fraternity has descended from the "Ancient Mysteries," the foundation at the first is consistent with the premises that under a Christian dispensation Masonry believes in the Triune God of Revelation. And this need be no stumbling block to those who reject the New Testament. Even they admit that man was created in the image of God. An analysis of man's being discloses the same threefold existence, separate and yet one: perfect only when the three are united, Body, Soul [affections], Mind. From this fact alone does Masonry rationally assume to teach the doctrine of the Resurrection of the Body, the first authoritative revelation of which is to be found in the New Testament: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. The voice of Masonic Triples speaks to us in this manner, rather than in the laboured argument which relegates, Masonically, the Revealed and Eternal God-head of the Bible to merely the abstract being of Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence. These are attributes, not His Personality. And the revelation which reveals to us this glorious majesty at the same time defines the Being of God.

The candidate expresses his belief and trust in God. In the beginning God said: "Let there be light, and there was light." From the earliest ages there has always been an association between the idea of the Divine Presence and that of visible light, and this association has influenced the customs of worship. Light is the symbol of the everlasting Godhead. God's presence in the Old Testament is everywhere spoken of as a bright and shining light. In the New Testament the aged Simeon declares the infant Saviour to be "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel." The newly made Mason asks for and receives light. Now, light is threefold also, and the three original and primitive rays, blending into one colour—pure white—is a fitting symbol of the Triune God; for there are three distinct colours, and yet all blended in one make up the one true light. The explanations following of the three Great Lights, the three Lesser Lights (together with their representatives), become more consistent and instructive triples in this connection.

Look at the Lodge itself; the triple floor composed of the Mosaic pavement, the indented tessel, and the blazing star in the centre, and the light placed in the East and behind the monogram which symbolises the Great and Holy Name, at the mention of which all, from the lowliest Entered Apprentice, the brethren assembled, to the Worshipful Master, most reverently bow. This act of worship, and the lights, as the symbol of the Ineffable Presence, have ever been used by Jew and Christian, from the temple to the present. And the reason why true Masonry possesses the power over men that it does, is because of its consistency in placing its triple lights so as to speak to the seeing eye of man, of that light of the soul which is God Himself. Based upon this rock the brotherhood of man, as inculcated by the Masonic system, may indeed securely repose.

If we are correct in our belief that the GOD whom Masons reverence and adore is none less than the I AM [see "Light of Ages"] of Revelation, the ever blessed and glorious Trinity, then the situation and foundation of the Temple become most important in our symbolism. The Supreme Grand Master declares in connection with His spiritual temple: "My throne is in heaven;" and "To him that overcometh will I [the Son] make a pillar in the temple of my God." The high ground of Mount Moriah aptly illustrates the relative position—it placed the temple above the people, so to speak, that they might look up to it, not at it, or down upon it. The foundation walls were built of three courses, and the precipitous contour of the Mount was such the appearance of the work when done had the solid presentation of indestructible but-resses—as if they were a part of the earth itself, and these walls are standing to-day.

Undoubtedly the Trinity of the Godhead unlocks the mystery symbolized not only of Masonry but of all pure morality. This morality clothes the seal-stone of the Temple so that it becomes the "living temple, made without hands, eternal in the heavens." As intimated above, we must, in laying the foundation of morality, go back of moral law to God Himself, or we have a human affair which never rises higher than its source. Moral law is not a mere promulgation of an edict of the Almighty, a commandment, a law, but it is the very expression of the Godhead itself. We only know God by His revealed attributes. God is Love, God is Truth, God is Life: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Enlarge upon this thought and the whole threefold system of the Masonic Institution becomes one consistent and complete whole. Having laid the foundation of our mystic temple upon an

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imperishable basis, the edifice may, indeed, rear its stately form, and present in its grand proportions, like Solomon's Temple, an appearance of being more the handiwork of the Great Architect of the Universe than of human hands. With our threefold key we shall next inquire: What is the voice of Masonic Triples concerning the *Building*—the edifice itself?—*Voice of Masonry.*

THE MASONS OF THE MIDDLE AGES.

THE men who planned the Cathedrals of mediæval times were surely of devout imagination, but the workmen, if devout, were sometimes possessed by a mocking demon of unbelief regarding the sanctity of the priesthood. What makes the marvel seem greater is, that the monks were, in the beginning of the gothic rabbies, the architects and builders of their own churches, and it is quite incredible that they should have exposed an obvious apologue and caricature the leering infidelity and wantonness of their order. This must have taken place at the later period of the art, when it had passed from the monastic fraternities into the exclusive keeping of the lay guilds, and when the decay of faith and morals among the clergy was visited with daring sarcasm and contempt by the people. That the *Masons* were unpunished for their audacious indiscretions may have been because the doctrines of the holy faith were not impugned, whilst the hypocrisy and vice exposed in the all expressive language of art the priesthood could neither defend or deny. It is not in the least probable that these things would have been tolerated by the dignitaries of the church unless the lay founders had lent their connivance. Mr. Findel, a German writer on Freemasonry, whose works have been translated into English, supposes that the Masons were haters of Popery at heart and believers in Evangelical truth, and that they were protected from persecution by the Guilds. In the opinion that they held a creed of apostolic simplicity, I think that the historian shows that large faith of love, and that he is willing to accept on behalf of its object whatever is of good report. It is more likely that they were just a trifle irreverent, and relished a joke more heartily than they enjoyed a mass. For instance, in the large Church of Strasburg, we are told that in one of the transepts opposite the pulpit, a hog and a goat may be seen carrying a sleeping fox as a sacred relic; a bitch is following the hog, in advance of this procession is a bear with a cross, and before the bear a wolf holding a burning wax taper. Then follows an ass, which is reading mass at the altar. A beautiful preserved altar piece in the church of Doberan, Mecklenburg, exhibits priests grinding dogmas in a mill. In the Cathedral of Brandenburg a fox in priestly robes is preaching to a flock of geese. In the minster at Berne, in a picture (in that age architecture included painting) of the last judgment, the Pope is amongst the damned. We are all familiar with the uncouth faces of man and beast on our mediæval buildings that do duty for gargoyle and corbel. Probably some of my readers have been in Temple Church, London, and must have noticed the heads in miniature which form the finial of the pew-ends. There is not, according to our modern notions of such things, a becoming expression of countenance in any of them; they are all grotesque with grimace, and each seems to strive to outgrin the other.

Mr. Findel, in his work on Freemasonry says, that the Masonic Guilds took their rise in the church-building middle ages, and that their places of birth were the frontiers of France and Germany. Many of the great churches were a long time in the building, and the workmen thus embodied acquired the inevitable *esprit de corps* from community of interest and vocation. They were, in fact, a regiment of industry; they were separated by their craft and its symbolism from the civilians amongst whom they had pitched their tents; they were commanded by a master, and every nine men were under the wardenship of the tenth. When the Cathedral was completed; when it rose in tower and spire like a creation of wondrous frost work, the tents were struck and a new encampment found. But the men who were in some cases scattered throughout the country still belonged to the army of operative masons, and could by the use of sign or pass-word be at once received into the ranks of a new regiment. So that, apart from any secret rules of art, the incorporation had its manifest advantages. Indeed it had been asserted that the architects of the finest churches, those which best exemplified unity and grandeur of conception, were either laymen or ecclesiastics who were members of the Guilds. If this were so, the secrets of the Crafts must have been those of mere construction and manual skill; things which could be best taught and acquired experimentally. They have left their marks, however, on the stones of those magnificent edifices.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

It will be very gratifying for the Subscribers to hear that "our Girls" have again been particularly successful in the Cambridge Local Examination. Out of 20 entered 18 have been successful, viz, 2 in the Senior Examination, and 16 in the Junior: the 2 former and 5 of the latter passing with honours, as follows: Senior Class—3 honours, Julia Harvey, and pass; distinguished in religious knowledge, Edith Hicks. Junior Class—2 honours, Jane Taylor; Class 3 honours, distinguished in religious knowledge, Mary Wyatt; Class 3 honours, Cecily Jardine, Agnes Denley, and Ellen Senior. Pass, Gertrude Ashworth, Clara Coales, Edith Corney, Ada Crow, Grace Barham, Catherine Hide, Mabel Lewis, Mabel Osmonde, Juliet Priestley, Mary Spalding, Ethel Stone. This result could only have been achieved by good steady work throughout, and we must offer our hearty congratulations, not only to Miss Davis and her able staff of assistants, but also to the pupils themselves.

Another Lodge will be added to the roll of the Province of Surrey on Tuesday next, when the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey. The Prov. Grand Master, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., will officiate, and he will be supported by Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. James Terry Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, and other distinguished Masons. Bro. Henry Currie Leigh Bennett is the W.M. designate, while Bros. Col. Lorenzo George Dundas and William Henry Gardiner are the Wardens designate.

The Chiswick Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 357, held its regular meeting at Bro. Brill's, the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, 26th ultimo. Amongst other business, Bro. George Gardner was unanimously elected W.M. for the next twelve months. This brother was also nominated for Provincial Grand honours.

The Annual Dinner of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction will be held at Bro. E. Gilbert's, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 7·30 sharp. Brethren are kindly invited. Tickets 3s 6d each.

We have been requested to state there will be no meeting of the Langton Lodge of Instruction on Thursday evening, 10th instant.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N. Comps. Brasted M.E.Z., Gregory H., Stringnell J., Sheffield S.E., Russell S.N., Radcliffe P.S. The work was well rehearsed by the Companions named, and a pleasant and instructive evening was spent. Companion Edmonds was in his place as Preceptor.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will in future meet at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursdays, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Brother W. C. Smith P.M. 1563, Preceptor, will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Thursday evening next.

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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 brethren of the Grand Lodge for the great compliment paid to me and my country (India) in electing me to the office of Grand Treasurer last night?

Yours fraternally,

D. P. CAMA.

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EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—John Bull is hard to move, and the Masonic John Bull is still more difficult to stir into action. He is necessarily Conservative in all things pertaining to the Craft, and change is the antithesis of his Masonic being. I would not have it otherwise if I could, because, if for no other reason, stedfastness is a principle which in the present day is fast losing its virtue. Change is not always improvement, nor is it even generally synonymous with progress. I would, therefore, move slowly, but surely.

I have noticed from time to time that correspondents have mooted the above question in your columns, and I think one of them asked, "Where is WATCHMAN?" Well, *non dormio*. "Pegging away" was a very good motto for the late Abraham Lincoln, and for agitators, but it is not very acceptable among Freemasons, who are loyal to the backbone, not only to the reigning monarch, but to things Masonic as they are.

There are times, however, when a word in season may be spoken, and I think the time now is when the question of an Employment Bureau may be fairly re-opened. There is a great deal of distress revealed, but how much still concealed it is impossible to say. The better the position, the more independent and refined the character, the greater the chance of suffering in secret, unthought of and uncared for. Among this class there must be many brethren who would welcome help to work that they might be independent still, whose hearts would again swell with thanks and joy if they could but secure the assistance and consideration of those who are placed in authority as masters or foremen, or overseers, or who could influence others who have the command of labour. A Bureau, such as I have on more than one occasion shadowed forth, would give an opening to the unemployed Freemason; he could go to it with a feeling in some degree of right and independence, and he would have the satisfaction of knowing that something was being done to show sympathy and afford practical help. I need not enter into all the arguments that might be advanced, I have urged them before, but I may insist upon the fact that the establishment of an Employment Bureau is not only practicable, but without it the circle of Masonic helpfulness is not complete. It is the last stone of the building, but it is not the least in significance. It has a long way to travel, and it wants careful shaping and guiding into its place. That it will find skilful hands to do the work in due time I have no doubt. I am proud of my own thought; I can wait its development. I can only urge the importance of that development, leaving to those with more power and influence to initiate the work. It must not be forgotten that the mere giving of money is not always charity. The rich and well-to-do give out of their abundance, and it practically costs them nothing. They make no sacrifice, and very often they do no work. There is little real honour in such giving. The gift most welcome is that which involves some labour, some sacrifice, which results in doing good without humiliating the recipient; that helps the willing labourer to work, and sustains his self-respect and self-reliance. The Masonic Employment Bureau would do all this and more, and it ought to be tried.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 6th March 1886:—

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DEATH.

HUGHAN.—On the 26th February, at her residence, 18 Emma Place, Stonehouse, Plymouth, MARGARET, relict of the late William Hughan. Friends will please accept this intimation.

The Grand.—The executive of the Grand, with a spirit which is to be commended, provide everything that is possible in the shape of novelty, and in furtherance of this view they are constantly availing themselves of what we may term itinerant companies. This necessitates the occasional introduction of something which would scarcely come up to the "legitimate" ideas of the old fashioned playgoer. Such a menu has been supplied this week, when the "Irish Aristocracy" company have been in possession of the boards. Messrs Richard Mack and Mr. Richard B. Ferguson are comedians of sterling merit, and in their specialité entertainment are almost unapproachable. Mr. Edwin Barry is a descriptive vocalist of great power, and reminds us somewhat of Henry Russell in his best days. Mr. Pat and Miss Ella Murphy ably contributed to the success of the entertainment, while the sisters Everett were excellent, both as singers and dancers. Altogether the performance is worthy of support, and as the company remain at the Grand for another six nights, our readers will have the opportunity of following the advice we here tender them, to pay a visit. On Monday, the 15th instant, Miss De Grey, who will be supported by Mr. Bassett Roe and a strong company, will appear in "Jane Shore" and "Woman against Woman."

"AS OTHERS SEE US."—There is something interesting in the stories of kings in the olden times, disguising themselves, and mingling in easy intercourse with their people, from the desire to see things as they really were, and not in the light in which they were apt to be presented to them. The Scotch Jameses were said to be fond of this, and the disguise of Fitz-James, in the "Lady of the Lake," is a case in point. These were not the days of daily newspapers, nor had royal commissions to inquire into everything begun to be thought of. Humbler men than kings, and in days more recent, have been known to follow the example. It is recorded of Thomas Campbell, the poet, that once, being in a remote part of Scotland, he made an effort to find out whether the fame of his poetry had travelled so far. It happened that a plain woman, with whom he came into contact, had been greatly interested in another member of the clan, John Campbell, of Kingsland Chapel, who had recently astonished the world by his extensive travels in South Africa, having visited Lattakoo, and other remote Missionary settlements. When the poet asked her if she had ever heard of Mr. Campbell and his books, she replied with an emphatic *yes*. "Then," said the poet, greatly pleased, "I am Mr. Campbell." "What," asked the woman, in delight, "and are you really the great Mr. Campbell?" The poet was framing a modest answer when she burst upon him with some question about Lattakoo. The spell was broken, and the vision of delight vanished. Whether the poet had ever heard of Lattakoo may be doubted, but he knew at least that *he* was not "*the great* Mr. Campbell. —*The Rev. Dr. Blaikie, in "The Quiver" for March.*

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ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

The following is the text of the Annual Address, delivered by the Chief Adept, Fratre T. B. Whytehead, before the members of the York College, at their meeting at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York, on Saturday, the 20th ult.:—

Fratres,—On the occasion of addressing you on the sixth anniversary of the constitution of this College, and of the formation of this county of Yorkshire into a Province, I must first congratulate you as members of the Rosicrucian Order upon the prosperity which has followed us in the north of England, and upon the strength and vitality which have attended our efforts to throw about Freemasonry a flavour of something more than those qualities which usually pervade the eternal Craft. Most of us who are members of the Order have had considerable experience of Freemasonry; the bulk of the members of this College have passed through the chairs of Craft Lodges, and many of us have threaded our way through other branches of the art, so that we may truly be said to be a body of tried Masons, whose only object, I trust, in meeting as Rosicrucians is to advance the study of the history of Masonry and archæology, to promote in every possible way the intelligent consideration of our symbolism, to bring as far as possible the light of truth to bear upon our legends, and to make a daily progress in Masonic knowledge. These are, indeed, the objects for which our Society was formed. It grew—our own revised modern version—out of the desire of a few prominent Masonic students and workers to find something more in Masonry than mere ritualism and moral teaching, for excellent as are these and perfect as they are under our own teaching, yet in these progressive days we require something more than this. In the earlier days of Freemasonry, as we understand it, there was comparatively little learning. Men were satisfied with small things, and doubtless our ceremonies were regarded as of exceeding great value simply as a medium of instruction. And I should be the last to suggest that even now they have decreased in value. The world is probably no better than it was in the days of Anderson and Desaguliers, and men stand in need of morality just as much at the end of the nineteenth century as they did at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Still, I think most thoughtful Masons will agree with me that there is great scope for more than the bare repetition of a regular code of teaching, no matter how excellent it may be. And about a society, such as that of Freemasonry, there is such abundance of material for investigation, and such a wide platform for the explorations of brethren of literary tendencies, that I do not think a society whose objects are the elucidation of the traditions and obscure origin of the ancient brotherhood needs any apologist. It has been, I am aware, alleged against us that by the assumption of the title of Rosicrucians we have attempted to draw around us a glamour of mystery which does not of right belong to us, and that the Rosicrucian Society is simply another attempt to add to the already somewhat inordinate array of Masonic degrees. I do not think that any such accusation can fairly stand good. Attempts had been made from time to time to form a Masonic Archæological Society, but without any permanent success, and it seemed to the minds of some earnest brethren, more than one of whom is, alas! numbered with the great majority, that a better prospect of stability might be secured if a little circle could be drawn together by something more powerful than an annual subscription, and that a sort of inner bond might be formed whereby individuals might be linked together by an invisible chain which should have more powerful bands than those of any ordinary society. Then came the question of the form that this Fraternitas-in-Fraternitate should take, and, as usual in Masonic minds, a legendary historical event was sought for which could furnish the desired outline. The Rosicrucian Society seemed to present the requisite features, for, as far as we now know, this singular mediæval brotherhood was banded together for the purpose of investigating the

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hidden mysteries of nature and science. It met but seldom. It was said to have drawn its members from every quarter of the globe, and its ostensible objects were the amelioration of the condition of mankind and the judicious communication of knowledge. Thus it has come to pass that we are met here as one section of the Rosicrucian Society of England, for the purpose of the intercommunication of knowledge, the sharing of any information we may possess, the propounding of any Masonic, archæological, or scientific problems, and mutual assistance in the solution of the numerous "cruces" that beset the Masonic investigator on every hand. I should, perhaps, be almost justified in the assertion that we resemble the ancient Rosicrucians in another special and peculiar point. We know that in the later days, at any rate, of that renowned Society its members became the subject of much derision, in consequence of the common statement that they were in search of the Philosopher's Stone—a material which when found would, it was believed, prove the source of enormous wealth and power. Now, we are in search of our Philosopher's Stone; but we do not expect if we discover it to be rewarded by either the mines of Golconda or the power of a Xerxes. The grand secret of which we are in search is the true origin and history of Freemasonry, a mystery that has so far rebuked the wisdom of some of the most learned and talented men of the past century, and which is even now apparently a very long distance from disclosure. Masonic libraries teem with histories of Freemasonry. Nearly two centuries ago brethren began to publish so-called histories, and for ages before that period there existed MS. accounts of the descent of the ancient Craft from the earliest periods of antiquity, even from the father of the human race himself. These writings, known as the "Old Charges and Constitutions," are most curious and interesting, and may be read by anybody, thanks to the published collection of them, edited by our learned Bro. Hughan, himself a member of our Rosicrucian Order. Before the formation of the Grand Lodge in London in 1717 nothing more seems to have existed in the way of written acknowledgment than these ancient parchment rolls, which themselves bear abundant internal evidence of having been copied by more or less learned scribes from still more ancient documents. After the organisation in London at this date numerous printed works began to make their appearance, some issued by authority, and others purporting to be betrayals and exposures of the mysteries of the Order, and so, right through the years until this present year of grace 1886, we have a series of histories of Freemasonry, most of them closely resembling one another, until we arrive at the climax of Masonic literary activity, and have before us the noble work of Bro. R. F. Gould, the fifth volume of whose magnificent history is in the hands of most of us. Bro. Gould's history is, as far as actual information is concerned, absolutely exhaustive. It is in itself an entire Masonic library, and is by far the most able work on the Craft that has yet made its appearance. But Bro. Gould has dealt with his whole subject, I think, somewhat too much from his own professional standpoint. It is the business of the legal mind to reduce to its lowest ebb of credibility every statement that is arrayed before it, and to reject as unworthy of credence everything that cannot be absolutely or irrefragably proved by facts or figures. Now, although this is a very proper frame of mind in which to approach a mere question of right and wrong, or to regard the positive details of contemporary occurrences, and circumstances, yet I scarcely think it is the best spirit in which to attack the problem of the early and unwritten history of Freemasonry. Some sceptics would reply to this suggestion that Freemasonry has no history, that it was manufactured in London in the second decade of the eighteenth century, and that there was nothing of the kind before that date. This assertion is frequently made; but it will not hold good, for many reasons. In the first place, there is the diary of Ashmole taking us nearly a century further back, when the Warrington Lodge of Speculative Masons was in working existence. Then we have the minute books of the early Scotch Lodges, whose story has been so well told by Bro. Lyon, the Grand Secretary of Scotland; and, lastly, we have the early minutes of the Lodge at York, where it is plain that our brethren were at work before the year 1700. The suggestion that the year 1717 saw the first establishment of Freemasonry is clearly wrong, and yet before that time we have little to show in this country but the most scattered and fragmentary evidence. To my mind this is in itself ample proof that it is not to written testimony that we must look for traces of our early history. Where, then, it will be asked, are we to seek? I know of nowhere more likely than in the monuments of antiquity, and the symbolic forms of them that are found in great abundance over the world's surface. But before we look to these we must divest ourselves of any notion that we shall find many of the symbols that are now so commonly used by us, and are so well known to every well-instructed member of our Craft. I am satisfied that Freemasonry as it now exists resembles in only a very small degree, and in a few leading principles, the Freemasonry of bygone ages. I am quite prepared to grant that the Revival of 1717 saw a complete remodelling of the Order. I believe, with Bro. Carson, of Ohio, that up to that period Freemasonry had been essentially Christian in its teachings, and that what was known of it in England had been received from the Guilds of continental builders, which had previously died out through a process of natural decay and lack of useful objects for existence. It was, I suspect, these Guilds who learned a certain portion of the ancient Christian mysteries from their employers of the Benedictine Order, and adapted them to their own purposes. It was they who added to those mysteries the Hiramic Legend and the symbolism of the Solomonic Temple, and converted into a stone-worker's allegory what had previously been an exposition of the story of the fall of mankind, the sacrificial redemption of the human race, and the doctrine of the Resurrection. The true mysteries had been handed down to the Benedictines, and preserved by them, from the early Christians, and before that date had been kept secret and inviolate from the foundation of the world by successive patriarchs and prophets, whose "schools," as they are termed in the old Testament writings, were merely what we should term in our own phraseology Lodges or Colleges, for the instruction of chosen initiates. If I am asked how all this is to be proved, I frankly admit that it cannot be demonstrated by any possible means; but, in default of any better or more probable thesis, I offer it for your consideration, feeling myself that the theory contains all the germs of possibility, and even probability. As I have said, in these days people wish to see everything reduced to an equation, and unless a statement will stand the test of an algebraical demonstration, it is rejected as unworthy of examination. This is all very well where actual facts and records are available; but in our case we stand on different ground. We look back, straining our eyes into the dim mists of antiquity, and we see nothing but faint shadows looming and flitting indistinctly in the twilight of the past. Out of this material we must form our theories at present. We have yet the existing monuments of the past to refer to; but I shall not venture on that ground to-day, but reserve some remarks on their symbolism for a future occasion. In the meantime I should like you to think over what I have said. In the space of the few remarks I have made it has been impossible to do more than put the theory to you in the barest outline; but you will see that the gist of the idea is that "Free and Accepted Masonry" is nothing more nor less than an adaptation, to meet modern cosmopolitan ideas, of the ancient Christian mysteries, and that these in their turn were a continuation of the first revealed religion of mankind. Many of you will probably not agree with me, will see impossibilities and insurmountable objections to such a theory; but, at all events, you will all give me credit for an honest and earnest desire to arouse a genuine anxiety to probe every imaginable crevice whence we may extract some ray of light to illumine the present clouded condition of the sources of our ancient history.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE first meeting of this old and popular Lodge, since the installation of Bro. J. Corbett as Worshipful Master, was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday evening, 25th ultimo, when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M. was supported by Bros. W. D. Cook I.P.M. L. V. Walker S.W., E. Y. Jolliffe J.W., E. F. Storr P.M. Treasurer, T. P. Collings P.M. Secretary, W. R. Brookes S.D., H. Savidge J.D., W. J. Charles I.G., H. H. Knill Org., H. Porey P.M. D.C., J. B. Pyle and H. Bailey Stewards, J. Parkinson Tyler, and others. The Lodge having been opened in form and the business on the agenda paper having been transacted, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the Immediate Past Master, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. The gift was suitably acknowledged, and some routine business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to banquet, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft the W.M. observed that in the course of a few months her Majesty would attain the jubilee of her reign. She was one of the most constitutional Sovereigns who had ever ruled over the destinies of this great empire, and she had never deviated from her prerogative. Whether in the capacity of a daughter, wife, or mother, she had set an example that reflected the utmost credit on herself, and which he was pleased to see copied by many of her subjects, throughout the length and breadth of the land. He then gave the toasts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, which were cordially received. The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to propose the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. He had known many Masters of Lodges in his time, and men of various degrees of excellence, but Bro. Corbett quite equalled, even if he did not surpass, any who had gone before him. His working in the Lodge was not only excellent, but the manner in which he presided at the banquet table was especially gratifying. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said there was always a certain amount of gratification in endeavouring to do one's duty, and it had been his maxim ever since he had been connected with Masonry to do his best to promote its interest in whatever capacity he had been called upon to fill. It might be that he had not always succeeded, but he trusted they would take the will for the deed. To him it was a source of sincere pleasure to be associated with friends who strove to do their duty. Although he did not lay claim to the abilities displayed by many of the Past Masters, or to the qualifications which Bro. Cook had attributed to him, yet he assured them he would do all he possibly could to promote the happiness and enjoyment of the brethren, and to sustain the prestige which had been held by the good old Neptune Lodge for many years. In giving the Past Masters, he said it was always gratifying to the comparatively young members of the Lodge to be honoured with the presence of the Past Masters, to whom they were vastly indebted for their counsel and assistance. They had borne the heat and burden of the day, and were looked upon as the sages of the Lodge. The younger members were, perhaps, sometimes impulsive and rash, so to speak; and it was therefore a great source of satisfaction to see the veterans of the Lodge present to check whatever they might see partaking of that tendency, and to keep them in the right path. After a capital violin solo by Bro. Savidge S.D., Bro. Cook replied, and in the course of his observations said the Past Masters were ever ready to do all they could for the benefit of the Lodge. They were all animated by that spirit, and he thanked them for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed, and received by the brethren present. The W.M. then proposed

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the Treasurer and Secretary, remarking that the "whirlygig of time brings its revenges." It was just eight years ago that he was introduced into this Lodge by Bro. Storr and Collings, who now occupied the positions respectively of Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Collings on that occasion very gracefully gave way to Bro. Storr, and allowed him to perform the ceremony of initiation, and at their last meeting it had been his privilege and pleasure to invest them in the offices which they so worthily held in the Neptune Lodge. He was most proud of Bro. Storr as their Treasurer, for he had devoted his time and no little of his means to the cause of Charity. He did not mean mere almsgiving, but the great Charities of the Craft, which poured oil and wine into the wounds of the needy and afflicted, and in promoting the real practical work of Freemasonry, as his jewels would testify. Bro. Collings was always willing also to assist in the work of the Craft in general, and this Lodge in particular, and to both these excellent Officers the members of the Lodge were deeply indebted for the services they had rendered. Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. Treasurer, who was most cordially received, said there was an axiom amongst the wise men of old that "to be silent is to be eloquent;" but he could not refrain from expressing the pleasure it had afforded him to perform any work which might be for the advantage of the Neptune Lodge. He said at the time their present W.M. was initiated into the Lodge that they were bringing into it a good man and Mason, and his prophecy had not been falsified, for Bro. Corbett promised, and had already proved himself, an ornament to the Lodge. He (the speaker) was very proud of the position he held as a representative of the Charities, and was glad to inform them that at the Festival on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, on the preceding evening, a sum of no less than £14,846 had been announced, towards which amount their Worshipful Master Bro. Corbett had been enabled to take up a list of £41. This was highly gratifying, when they took into consideration the recent depression of trade, and the unusual calls that had been made upon the purses of the benevolent and large-hearted, when money was wanted in so many ways, there had been so large a sum subscribed towards the Masonic Charities. He thanked the Worshipful Master for the compliment he had paid to him as "Charity Storr," and said he was exceedingly proud of the appellation. He was also proud of his jewels, but especially so of the Charity jewel, and hoped that so long as the Great Architect of the Universe spared him his name would ever be familiar to the Craft as "Charity Storr." Bro. T. P. Collings P.M. and Sec., in the course of his response, said it had always been his aim to further the interests of the Neptune Lodge, and he should continue to exert his utmost powers to aid in its success. In proposing the Officers and Prosperity to the Lodge, the Worshipful Master quoted the old motto, "Honour to whom honour is due;" he must say that each and all the Officers whom he saw around him had worked their way up step by step to the positions they now occupied, and that they were all actuated by a united desire to promote the reputation and the prosperity of the Neptune Lodge. He felt sure the brethren generally would be satisfied with the abilities they would display in their several capacities, and the way in which they would discharge their duties. They were moved by a spirit of emulation to enhance the happiness and welfare of the brethren, and he was glad to be assisted by such an excellent body of Officers as the Lodge could boast during his year. The toast was suitably acknowledged by the Officers present, and the list was fittingly concluded by the Tyler. The proceedings of the evening, which were of a very harmonious and enjoyable description throughout, were varied by some excellent music and singing, in which Bros. Walker S.W., Hoffer, Peck, Charles I.G., Savidge J.D., H. Bailey W.S., Brooks S.D., and others took part.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 558.

THIS Lodge assembled at the Town Hall, Folkestone, on Tuesday afternoon, the 2nd inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. A. Petts as W.M. for the ensuing year. Amongst those present at the installation were the following Past Masters: Bros. S. Joseph, J. Sherwood, F. Klatt, A. Hart, G. L. Hart, R. White, H. T. Samson, A. H. Holbein, J. Kennett, Mitchell, and J. Shaw. Bro. G. L. Hart performed the ceremony in an able and impressive manner, and at its termination the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. A. J. Crane S.W., J. G. Robinson J.W., A. H. Holbein Treasurer, Jas. Kennett Secretary, F. Francis S.D., G. Spurgen J.D., H. S. Roberts Organist, H. Clements Assistant Organist, G. L. Hart Director of Ceremonies, W. Worsell I.G., W. Griffin Standard Bearer, W. Dunk and L. Banks Stewards, and Ed. Farnley Tyler. Before the closing of the Lodge, Bro. Stock, on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. S. Joseph with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and in doing so alluded in very feeling terms to the respect in which he was held by all the members of the Lodge, and also to the efforts he had made towards the prosperity of the Lodge. On the suggestion of Bro. Holbein, a Past Master's jewel was also presented to Bro. Kennett, for his untiring zeal as Secretary, and his energy in assisting in every thing which would promote the interest of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by Bros. Spargen and Waite. There were about sixty present. The W.M., Bro. A. Petts, presided, and amongst the brethren present were Bros. S. Joseph I.P.M., G. L. Hart P.M. P.G.S. D.C., H. Stock P.M. P.P.G. Sup. W., J. Sherwood P.M. P.P.G.J.D., F. Klatt P.M. P.P.G.J.D., W. L. Earnshaw P.M. P.P.G.J.D., J. English P.M. P.P.G. Sup. W., Penfold P.M., J. Kennett P.M. Secretary P.P.G.O., A. H. Holbein P.M. Treasurer, R. White P.M. P.P.G.P. (Hants), O. H. Wagner P.M. P.P.G.J.W. (Herts), H. Samson P.M. 1436, D. White P.M. 1436, A. Hart P.M. 483, J. Shaw W.M. 125, W. Mitchell P.M. 1558, A. J. Crane S.W., T. G. Robinson J.W., F. Francis S.D., G. Spurgen J.D., W. Worsell I.G., W. Dunk and L. Banks Stewards, W. Griffin Stand. Bearer, J. Collens, H. Waite, C. E. Perry, M.D., G. Saxby, G. I. Swaffer, R. Goulden, F. Hall, R. Webster, G. F. Taylor, F. Scoones, W. Prebble, W. Major, W. B. Kennett, T. H. English, J. Cheyney, G. Kemp, W. Birch, J. Sherwood jun., J. Hart, J. Eldridge, S. Petts, E. Devereux, H. Urben, R. Pope, A. Hart, G. Peden 125, C. Woods 1436, A. W. Conquest 1209, G. H. Warner 1209, J. Lathey 135, F. K. Tutt 1436. The W.M. in an able manner proposed the Queen and the Craft; the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Earl Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past; the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Kent the Viscount Holmesdale. The next toast was the Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, which was responded to by Bro. Hart P.M. (Gravesend), who eulogised Bro. Eastes, for the admirable manner in which he carried out the duties of his office. Bro. J. Sherwood P.M. next proposed the toast of the evening in an excellent speech, in which he alluded to the great events likely to take place in Masonry in Folkestone during the coming year in the building of a Masonic Hall, and the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was enthusiastically received and ably responded to by the W.M. Bro. S. Petts next replied in a well-chosen speech to the toast of the newly initiated brethren. The Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. White P.M., and replied to by Bro. Earnshaw P.M. During the interval between the speeches the charity bag was passed round and resulted in the collection of a substantial sum which was generously increased to ten guineas by one of the brethren. Bro. Klatt P.M. next proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. Mitchell P.M. 1558 replied in suitable terms. Bro. Hart P.M. (Gravesend) next proposed the Installing Master and the other Past Masters of Temple Lodge, and passed a high compliment to Bro. G. L. Hart P.M., the Installing Master, for the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties. Bros. G. L. Hart, S. Joseph, and H. Stock replied to the toast. The Officers of the Temple Lodge was proposed by Bro. Mitchell P.M., and replied to by Bro. A. J. Crane J.W., and the Tyler's toast concluded the list. Mention should be made of the admirable manner in which Bro. G. L. Hart carried out his duties as Director of Ceremonies, and Bros. W. Dunk and L. Banks as Stewards. The musical arrangements were under the able conductorship of Bro. H. S. Roberts, and Bros. W. Dunk, W. Major, and W. Prebble sang some excellent songs in good style.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

IT is not often we have to record so much evidence of progress in a young Lodge as was displayed at the regular meeting of the Henry Levander, which took place on Saturday, 27th ult., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Alfred Scurrah Worshipful Master. The other Officers present were Bros. Henry Lovegrove I.P.M. Treasurer, C. J. Axford S.W., C. P. McKay Secretary, R. M. Surridge S.D., W. H. Burgess J.D., Harry Webb I.G., S. Barfoot D.C., S. Reece Steward, John Read P.M. 720 Organist, W. M. Stiles hon. member, while among the Visitors were Bros. Harry Sillis Assistant Director of Ceremonies 937, W. H. Tilling W.M. 765, L. J. Hudd 1426, F. Inskipp 1907, W. W. Lee 1897, C. H. Phillips 1986, Knight 1814, and W. W. Morgan jun. The Lodge having been opened and the usual formalities observed, was advanced to the third degree, when Brother John Dolling was raised. Lodge was then resumed, and Bros. Herbert Thornton Garner, Walter Hugh Magnire, and John Stubbings were passed, after which Mr. Charles Stevens was initiated. The ballot was taken for one candidate for initiation and two for joining, and in each case resulted in unanimous election. The items to which we referred at the commencement of this report were then brought forward. These consisted of the voting of five guineas from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the W.M.; the establishment of a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge; the decision of the members to appeal for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the Lodge; and some minor matters of interest to the brethren. Brother Arthur Scurrah was appointed Assistant Steward, and invested with the collar of the office by the Worshipful Master, and the Lodge was subsequently closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master proposed the usual Loyal toasts. In submitting the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, the Worshipful Master said he did not know much of the other Provincial Grand Masters, but from his experience of the ruler of Middlesex he felt that Sir Francis was one of the best. He believed Sir Francis was well acquainted with the doings of every Lodge in his district, for about those he did not personally visit he made inquiries of others. Bro. McKay proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. The brethren had witnessed the excellent working of Bro. Scurrah that day in all the degrees, and could but have admired the care he had shown in all he was called upon to undertake. He had been punctual to the minute in opening the Lodge at the appointed time, and appeared to do everything that lay in his power to ensure the comfort of the brethren and the success of the Lodge. On a previous occasion their Worshipful Master had shown his love for the Charities, and at the Festival held that week he had again acted as Steward, working in such a manner as to secure for Middlesex one of the highest positions among the contributing Provinces of England. The Benevolent Fund which had that night been decided upon in connection with the Lodge was mainly due to his exertions, while the brethren had heard from his own lips the practical manner in which he intended to help that Benevolent Fund (Bro. Scurrah promised in Lodge to give ten guineas as a nucleus for the Fund). Bro. Scurrah tendered his thanks. He considered it a very great honour to preside over the Lodge, for although it was a very young Lodge it had proved itself during the few years of its existence as good as many which had been established for a much longer period. During the six months he had had the honour of presiding over the Lodge he had had the pleasure of initiating seventeen gentlemen,

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and he was proud to say there was not one of those seventeen of whom he could say he wished he had not initiated them. As was well known to the members, he took a great interest in those who were proposed for initiation in the Lodge, and personally satisfied himself they were worthy of being admitted. He felt justified in saying that all those he had initiated were becoming worthy, true, and upright Masons. As that was the first meeting of the Lodge since the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution he took the opportunity of announcing the result of his Stewardship, when he represented the Henry Levander Lodge at that Festival. He had studiously avoided asking any brethren outside of the Lodge for subscriptions in support of his list, and the result was that nearly all of what he took up had been given by the members of the Lodge. The exceptions showed a total of ten guineas, and consisted of two amounts of five guineas each which he had been requested by outsiders to take up, and which, in the interests of the Institution, he could not refuse. This result spoke well for the desire of the members of the Lodge to carry out the great work of Charity. He cordially thanked the brethren who had nobly supported his list, and was quite sure the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, when they heard what the Henry Levander Lodge—the youngest in Middlesex—had done, would agree it was not unworthy of being classed among the foremost in the Province. The Lodge was but a young one, but he felt certain it had a great future before it, and he believed the members would go on and on until the Lodge became one of the shining lights in Freemasonry. He was heartily pleased they had that night established a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge, for misfortune might overtake any of them at any time, and although he hoped it might never be the case that any of those around him should have to appeal, the money would be there if they needed it. He again thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they invariably received him, and hoped he should be connected with the Lodge as long as his life lasted. Bro. Scurrah next proposed the health of the Initiate. The toast was a very important one, and one he had had to bring forward at each of the meetings of the Lodge which he had presided over. They had only one initiate that evening, which was an exception with them, but for a variety of circumstances they would have had three or four on that occasion. He felt sure that the Initiate of that night would prove—as those who had preceded him had done—a brother of whom the Lodge would be proud. Bro. Stevens replied. He felt very much honoured by the kindness he had met with that night, and hoped he should in time become a good Mason. The toast of the Visitors, the Worshipful Master said, was almost, if not quite, as important as the previous one. He did not think the Henry Levander Lodge was behind any other Lodge in the heartiness with which they welcomed their visitors. They were truly pleased to see guests, and hoped they might so enjoy themselves as to desire to attend the Lodge again and again. Several brethren having replied, the health of the Treasurer and Secretary was given, Bro. McKay acknowledging the compliment. The Tyler's toast followed almost immediately afterwards, and the brethren departed to catch the London train.

PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 198.

THE annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction took place on Thursday, the 18th ult., at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, Islington, and owing to the indefatigable exertions of the able Secretary, Bro. R. W. Galer, the result was a complete success. Owing to a family anniversary the Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge was unable to preside, but his place was ably filled by Bro. I. P. Cohen, the respected Preceptor of the Lodge, who was supported by a number of popular Masons. Amongst those who were present we may mention Bros. J. A. Powell, R. W. Galer Sec., A. W. Fenner Treasurer, Browne-Kidder, F. Brasted, A. Mullord, J. Glass, P. Recknell, G. P. Barnett, W. Aynsley, J. Robinson, H. J. Kirk, J. W. Saunders, W. J. Nicholls, E. G. Lewis, E. Brett, Griffiths, A. Cook, M. E. Keogh, R. Aslett, W. Beatton, Green, H. Barnett, Yates, White, Wood, J. A. Collings, Bayne, Langdale. After the supper, which was served in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. Langdale, the usual Loyal toast was given, and responded to in a patriotic manner. The National Anthem was sung by Bro. A. Mullord, Bro. Collings presiding at the piano. The next toast given by the president was that which may be considered the toast of the evening, Success to the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198. Bro. Cohen said he thought it was hardly his province to propose the toast, having the honour of being its Preceptor. The Lodge claimed to be the oldest and best attended Lodge of Instruction in London. Nothing could be more gratifying to himself, and the members generally, than to see this continued success; he trusted the Percy Lodge of Instruction would have the same support for many years to come, so that it might continue to maintain its present proud position. Unanimity and concord, good-fellowship and harmony, had always prevailed in it. The brethren might rely on him doing his utmost to make it, if possible, still more successful. In conclusion he begged to couple the names of Bros. J. A. Powell and A. W. Fenner, they being the oldest members of the Lodge present. The toast was heartily responded to. Bro. Yates here kindly gave a recitation, "The Fireman's Wedding." Bro. Powell, responding, thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and congratulated the Preceptor and Secretary on the success which still attended their exertions; he hoped this would continue for many years to come. Bro. Fenner, in a short speech, which embodied all the good feeling which one Mason could express towards another, said if it were required he would give his services in any way to further the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Powell then gave the health of the Preceptor, Bro. Cohen, than whom a more kindly, genial, or efficient brother could not be. Bro. Cohen, was always willing to instruct any brother who was anxious to attain that efficiency which was so essential to fit him to discharge the duties of office in his mother Lodge. To our Secretary, Bro. Galer, we owe much for his indefatigable exertions in the interest of the Lodge. Bro. Galer is always at his post, and to him in a great measure is due the success of the Lodge. In reply Bro. Cohen thanked the brethren. What he had done to deserve the encomiums passed upon him by Bro. Powell he did not know; he had simply done his best to convey knowledge to those brethren who required it; nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see pupils attending the Lodge. Bro. R. W. Galer said there was not much left for him to say; he regretted Bro. Lambert, the much respected Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge, was not present to hear how the Lodge of Instruction had progressed. He could not go into statistics, as the year had not been completed, but he could inform the brethren that it had sent up money to the Masonic Charities; that the average attendance of its members had been increased. It had been said that the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction was the oldest, but there was documentary evidence to prove that this Lodge of Instruction was held as a Club of Instruction in 1791—so that it was really the premier Lodge of Instruction in London. He felt proud in being its Secretary, and expressed his thanks to the brethren generally for their good feeling and kind support. The health of the President (Bro. Glass), Secretary (Bro. Galer), and Treasurer (Bro. Cohen), of the Percy Charity Association, was then proposed by Bro. Fenner, who congratulated the brethren on the good results which had attended their labours. These Associations had done wonderful service in aid of the Charities. The Percy Association had been the means of sending up a large amount to the Institutions, and still continued so to do. He asked the brethren to give the toast full honour. Brother Glass, responding, thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him; he could assure them he felt proud of the honour of being President of the Percy Association, and would exert himself to the utmost in bringing it to a successful ending. He remembered the time when his esteemed friend Bro. Brasted, first introduced him to the Percy Lodge of Instruction, it was with fear and trembling he ascended the stairs, but he soon got over his nervousness, and became impressed with the kind and brotherly feeling exhibited towards him on that memorable evening. Bros. Galer and Cohen followed, and spoke of the good work such Associations had done for the Charities. The Visitors' toast came next; it was proposed by Bro. Cohen in a happy speech, and Bros. H. Barnett, White, Wood, Green and Cook responded. The toast of Success to the Mother Lodge was heartily received and duly honoured; and a compliment was paid to Bros. Bayne, Collings, Brasted, Yates, Kirk and Langdale, who had so kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. After Bro. Mullord had replied the final toast was given.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the meeting held on Wednesday last, at the Portland Arms, Great Portland Street, W. Present: Bros. W. Kelly W.M., W. T. Burgess P.M. S.W., W. T. Thom J.W., W. E. Willby S.D., D. T. Bickerell J.D., J. H. Price I.G., W. Langdon P.M. Secretary, W. Fowles Treasurer, acting as Preceptor. Also Bros. Lansdale P.M., Lloyd P.M., Latreille P.M., Hill, J. Hemmings, Wyuman, &c. Lodge was opened by the W.M. and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th sections were worked by Bros. Fowles and Hemmings, assisted by the brethren. The W.M., a young Mason, who displayed considerably efficiency, next rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, to the satisfaction of all present; Bro. Hill acted as candidate. It was suggested by the W.M. that the Lodge, having heard of the untimely death of Bro. Davies, Lodge No. 72, who had been a frequent visitor, and who was Secretary of the Savoy Lodge of Instruction, thought some record should be entered on the minutes to express the deep regret felt by the brethren. This was unanimously carried. Bro. W. T. Burgess P.M. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The installation ceremony will be rehearsed here next week by Bro. Latreille P.M. 1260. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., and there being no other business Lodge was closed and adjourned till Wednesday, the 10th inst.

MASONIC "AT HOME."

ON Thursday evening, the 25th ultimo, by invitation of the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Portsmouth Lodge, a most successful "At Home" was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street. The hall was prettily decorated, the usual Masonic adornments being supplemented by pretty floral designs, cleverly executed by Messrs. Fay, of Southsea. By special dispensation of the Provincial Grand Master, the members of the Craft appeared in Masonic clothing. The "Blue" Lodges were strongly represented, and there were several prominent Masons in the purple decorations of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge had one representative in the person of Bro. Edward Terry, the eminent comedian, as Grand Steward, and there were also present members of the Provincial Mark Lodge, the Rose Croix, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Arch Degree, Scottish Constitution, &c. The guests numbered about 130, and were received by the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. E. Loader, and Mrs. Loader. The banqueting hall was set apart for refreshments, and elaborately decorated, the silver plate used on the occasion having been lent by Mr. E. Emanuel, of the Hard. The oyster "bar" was a novel feature. The orchestra was occupied by Mr. Wilton's band, and it goes without saying that the music was excellent. The duties of Stewards were carried out by Messrs. Thackara, Whitehall, Bonghton, H. P. Holley, and Jenkins.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be oblized 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 MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1132—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Lewisham, Crown and Anchor, 79 Clarence Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2042—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
S. in. Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1323—Archers, King's Arms Hotel, Westminster Road
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Trinity, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 8th MARCH.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Charlotte Tavern, Charlton Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
20—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
46—Stanhope Arms, 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
171—Stanhope, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
192—Confidence, Alfred's, Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
238—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Camden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1415—Hyde Park, Pembridge Hotel, Leicester Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1115—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.45 (I)
1707—Nottingham, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1785—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1168—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1956—Kennard, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1981—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington (Instruction)
1991—Stewart, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2042—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2038—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.

R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1148—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
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton Hotel, 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—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
294—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle
502—Fortitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
609—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
667—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, Portsmouth
804—Moresham, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
929—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brethren, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1171—Pentonville, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Deloraine, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1275—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1471—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1641—Ebor, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1655—Hardy-site, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1676—Waverley, White Hart Hotel, Hunslet, Leeds
1961—Quantock, Greyhound Hotel, Bridgwater
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wentworth, Penistone

R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Hermandad, Royal Naval Temple, Devonport
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelso-terrace, Leeds
R.A. 877—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, Bank Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 879—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1258—Kentmere, Masonic Hall, George Street, Penrith
M.M.—Everton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cambridge, Ottawa
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 58—Hugh de Payens, Old Duke Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th MARCH.

56—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
65—Constitutional, Pontac Hotel, South-gate-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lombard-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
141—Lion, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Obedience, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Criterion Tavern, Gresham-street, City
205—New Musical, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
538—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
856—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
779—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, City Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
869—Belgrave, Masters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
869—Finsbury, King's Head, Theobald's Road, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
993—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Woodsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1280—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1427—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1429—Fitzroy, Leopold Arms, Osnaburgh Street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1506—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1581—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Larcom Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Langdale, Chamberlain, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1579—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Clapton, 194 White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1666—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury, Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Clarence, Town Hall, Rose Hill, Sutton, Surrey, at 8 (Inst)
1939—Belgrave, Pelican Restaurant, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Mark Masters Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Borough Street, at 8.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Mariners, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Talbot Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

33—Scientific, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
401—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle. (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
474—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
543—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
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
862—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
901—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Millburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Bridge Hall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 211 Great Homer-road, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1405—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1509—Mosaic, Queen's Hotel, Portsmouth
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1674—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1703—Wilbraham, Waiters Institute, Watson, Liverpool
2120—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Chertsey, Surrey. (Consecration)

R.A. 13—Portlande, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Royal Masonic Temple, Princess Street, Plymouth
R.A. 258—Justice, Masonic Hall, George Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 280—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, Leeds
R.A. 824—Russell, Wellington Hotel, Cheshire Street, Sybridge
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 549—Stuart, Retford
R.A. 630—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 691—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North Shields
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Belfield Street, Oldham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Stevenages
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, 10th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Romford 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 Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, White Castle, Stockwell Park Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Virtuvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
117—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
118—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lombard-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Tiger Head, Stockport Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (In-8)
720—Panmure, Balmoral Hotel, Brixton, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
814—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Westbourne, Good and Faithful, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
[illegible] (Instruction)
1301—Lodge of St. John, Three Stags Hotel, Artigate, E.
1425—Percival, Red Lion Hotel, Hammersmith, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—[illegible] Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst)
1554—Raven Lauriat, Criterion Restaurant, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1650—Sandhurst, Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1681—Wandsworth, Masonic Hall, Francis-street, Tothill-fields, Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1706—[illegible] Masonic Hall, Langham Place, Westminster, at 7.30 (Inst)
1708—[illegible] Criterion, Piccadilly, at 6.30 (Instruction)
1827—Belgrave, Pelican Restaurant, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—Imperial, Criterion Hotel, Shaw-street, Dudley
1715—Verulam, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Restaurant, New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1956—Honest Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Herne Oak Station
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Berry Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Grosvenor Restaurant, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst).
R.A. 944—Duke, 202 Whitechapel Road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1209—John Harvey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
R.A. 1901—Montague Gould, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
M.M.—Tuscan, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—Holy Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
54—Horse, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich

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281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
767—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
815—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
838—Independence, Private Room, 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
2072—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
1254—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
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
1624—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Bear's Head, Newcastle
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 1973—Save and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 11th MARCH.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lombard-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
117—Jerusalem, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
234—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, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Watndon 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)
1278—Burnet Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8 (Instruction)
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1402—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
1577—[illegible], Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Lea Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh, Mytchett, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, 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)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1676—Langton, White Hart, Aldermanbury Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1731—Craxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1741—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush (Inst)
1956—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)

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

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1068—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1114—Militia, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equanity, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church school-rooms, Sittingbourne
1309—Bala, Pingoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1467—Baxenhaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1[illegible]—[illegible], Corner House, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Marcus, Swan Hotel, Colesmill
1892—Washington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 53 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 229—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Soar Lane, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Ruthin.
R.A. 509—Truro, Freemasons' Hall, [illegible]
R.A. 673—Prudent, Cinderella Hall, Stockport
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dolaucothi, Griffin Hotel, Kings-town-Pumpsaint
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 12th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
141—St. Luke, White Hart, Kingsland, Shoreditch, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Edgware and Stanmore Lodge, [illegible]wall, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
720—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, at 8. (In)
748—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Richmond, [illegible]
834—Rumford, Six Bells, Harmondsworth. (Instruction)
943—Doric, Duke's Head, 70 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1134—Belgravia, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1256—Royal Standard, Albion Hotel, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1345—Preston, White Hart, Lower Tavern, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, La Perouse Hall, Stanley [illegible], at 8. (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2000—Earl of Mornington, 9a Red Lion Square, W.C.

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—[illegible], Portland Hotel, [illegible]
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Horseshoe Face, Leadenhall St.
M.M. 401 Kent, Crown and Anchor, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
433—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst.)
458—Acre and Calder, Private Rooms, Otley, [illegible]
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Worcester [illegible]
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1091—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1097—Belmont, Assembly Rooms, Church Gresley, [illegible], Burton
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1259—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, [illegible] Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levensholme
K.T. 4—Rose, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 13th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
178—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, Eastcastle St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
[illegible]—Jolly Farmers' Tavern, [illegible], N., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 157 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Rose Revived, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—[illegible], Crown and Anchor, 74 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1698—Paxton, Sussex Masonic Hall, Cavendish
713—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Hanover Square
1889—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1914—Clerkenwell, Hicks's Hall Tavern, Clerkenwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2042—Canonbury, Windsor Castle Hotel, Knight Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
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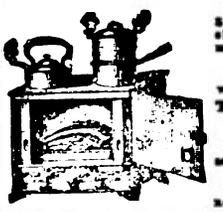

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THE RIGHT TO REJECT A CANDIDATE.

IT has often been our duty, and it is by no means an agreeable one, to call attention to the number of class Lodges that have of late sprung into existence, each of which has the ostensible and avowed object of promoting the interests of a certain school of thought. And it must occur to every right balanced mind that when social, political, or other crotchets are regarded as a primary consideration, or even placed on the level of our Masonic principles, there is great danger of such Lodges degenerating into the regions of partisanship, and of their being wielded for the personal interests and purposes of a party or clique. It has been recently deplored that more than one Masonic Lodge has been utilised for the aggrandisement and assistance of a political faction, and that it has been largely made use of in promoting the candidature of brethren seeking Parliamentary benefits. We have in reference to this subject pointed out that when once the golden rule is broken, and politics are admitted within the portals of a Masonic Lodge, its influence for good must of necessity be stultified, and that controversy and discord must inevitably take the place of harmony and peace. We have no fear that this evil will be permitted to run far into our system, for its only tendency would be to sap Freemasonry of that which the brethren hold most dear, as to its universality and cosmopolitan equality. The atmosphere of a Masonic Lodge must not be vitiated by disputation, nor should a shadow of the friction of parties be found within its walls. There are again other Lodges founded upon principles that were never contemplated by the Craft, and amongst these are the so-called teetotal Lodges, of which several have been established within the last three or four years. We have all along contended that such a distinctive title and profession is not consonant with the Constitutions of our Order, nor is it conclusive or satisfactory as to the composition of such Lodges. We are fully aware that in some at least of the "Temperance" Lodges the members are not all rigid abstainers from intoxicating liquors; just the same as there are professed teetotallers included in the membership of Lodges who practise conviviality and hospitality amongst their tenets. It does not stand to reason, then, that a man who joins a teetotal Lodge must perforce be a total abstainer, any more than that men who eschew the generous grape should be excluded from these societies who mingle mirth with their pleasures "across the walnuts and the wine." We do not say that Lodges of this particular class are generally to be condemned, and, seeing they are in existence, they must, as a matter of justice and necessity, be recognised. It should be borne in mind that due respect must be paid to the absolute tenets of the persons who comprise these Lodges, and our remarks on this subject are called forth by certain matters that transpired recently at Manchester, in connection with the Callender Lodge. As reported in our issue of the 20th ultimo, a gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation who had been refused—a few weeks previously—by the Wolseley Lodge, which as our readers know was the first "teetotal" Lodge instituted in this country—because of the occupation he was engaged in, namely, because he was a publican by trade. An eminently satisfactory account was given of the antecedents of the applicant, whose nomination was supported by several brethren of the Lodge, and in the end the ballot was unanimously in favour, so that the aspirant for participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry stands no longer "out in the cold." The question here very naturally crops up, as to whether it was right for a publican to force himself upon a professedly Temperance Lodge. It transpired that the person referred to was born in a public-house, and on the death of his father, the widow "sold out," and took her family of five children to America, where they settled on a farm thirty miles from any other dwelling. This particular son was engaged, through the civil war of America, in fighting for the country of his adoption, and at the close of the struggle he returned to Manchester. Being without any occupation or trade, and as a matter of course having to make a living, he commenced the only business with which he was at all acquainted, that of a publican. In that business he succeeded, and by his conduct so gained the good wishes of his fellow citizens that he was requested by them to allow himself to be nominated as a candidate for the Town Council of Salford, free of expense to himself. This honour he declined, but a greater honour—that of becoming a Freemason—was uppermost in his desire, and with this view he sought admission into the Wolseley Lodge. Why it was that he was advised to endeavour to enter the Craft across the threshold of a teetotal Lodge is a mystery to us, and we can scarcely be surprised at the rebuff which met him on his attempt to obtain an entrance by such a door. We can easily imagine the discussion which such a nomination would excite in the Wolseley Lodge, the members of which might lean to the opinion that, although the testimony as to the character of the applicant might have been all that could be desired, yet the business he was engaged in was such as to render it inadvisable to admit him. We repeat that the would-be brother had little reason to be surprised at his rejection; indeed, it was the only natural outcome of the inconsiderate counsel to which he had listened from his nominator and seconder, whom we are thus led to infer are not rigid advocates of the principles espoused by the Wolseley Lodge. It is apparent on the face of the circumstances we have narrated, that a publican had no right to be nominated to join a teetotal Lodge; for, granting that this man bore a high character for respectability, and that his antecedents were all that could be desired, still it was hardly consistent that he should seek to intrude into a society whose principles were so diametrically at variance with his own and the avocation in which he was engaged. When it became known that the candidature was objectionable to many members of the Lodge, the most sensible—indeed the only reasonable—course to have adopted, was to withdraw the nomination, and thus not only have spared the candidate the humiliation of an adverse ballot, but the brethren of the Lodge also the pain of being conscientiously obliged to "pill" one who was desirous of joining them. A man whose sole occupation is the sale of intoxicating liquors has no reason to feel aggrieved if he is rejected by a body of men who are pronounced in their opposition to his proclivities and trade. It would have displayed a much greater amount of tact and discretion had the brethren who nominated and seconded the would-be candidate withdrawn his name as soon as they discovered "how the land lay." The question arising from this episode is, whether, seeing that a teetotal Lodge is in existence and warranted, with this specific object in view, it was becoming that such a candidate should be forced upon the

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members. If men choose to unite in this way for the promotion of their own ideas of sobriety, and isolation from the "cups that cheer" and do inebriate, by all means they have a right to do so; and this persistent effort to introduce a candidate of the avocation named looks very much like an attempt to insert the thin end of the wedge to upset all their previous arrangements. It is a fact which will be admitted generally that licensed victuallers, as a body, are a most respectable class of men, and deserving of all respect; but the puzzle is to know why one of them should be so desirous of joining a Lodge where men of his ilk and calling are naturally objects of aversion. Some interesting interchange of thought on this subject, and the influence of these class Lodges in general, may be elicited, and we shall be very glad to hear what our correspondents may have to say on the points raised by the Manchester episode.

INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.

HIS Grace the Duke of Abercorn was installed as Grand Master of Ireland on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin, in presence of one of the largest and most representative gatherings that has ever been held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Every part of the country was worthily represented, though the limited accomodation necessitated the exercise of considerable restrictions in the distribution of tickets of admission. Only about 400 of these could be issued, and fortunate were the few who succeeded in the ballot for them, after the wants of the G. Officers and Past Master had been satisfied. A triple row of seats extended along the hall at each side from the dais to the organ, on which the Masters and Wardens of the Metropolitan Lodges were seated, while the elevated benches behind were filled with Provincial Masters and privileged representatives. A place on the front rows near the dais was allotted to the Committee of General Purposes. The arrangements were worked out most satisfactorily, and the Stewards may be congratulated on the manner in which they acquitted themselves. Bro. J. Creed Meridith, LL.D., had the superintendence, and he was assisted by Bros. Kendal Franks, M.D., S. G. Robinson, R. S. Reeves, C. R. M'Namara, Thomas Stuart, J. G. Yeates, P. Jones, T. Atkinson, H. Leslie, J. C. Mayne, W. Grove White, LL.B., H. J. C. Tweedy, M.D., A. E. Murray, and C. Carnegie. At a quarter past eight o'clock the arrival of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was announced, and the procession entered the hall, a march being played on the organ by Brother Joze. The chair was taken by the Right Worshipful R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, and the roll of Grand Officers was called by Bro. S. B. Oldham Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer. The following answered to their names:—Bros. the Marquis of Headfort G.S.W., Edward H. Kinahan, J.P., G. Treasurer, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket Archbishop of Dublin, the Rev. J. A. Galbraith Grand Chaplain, George Moyers, LL.D., J.P., G.S.D., Harry Hodges G.J.D., George A. Stephens, J.P., Grand Superintendent of Works, John T. Banks, M.D., Grand Director of Ceremonies, James Creed Meredith, LL.D., Grand Steward, J. C. Crawley, LL.D., Grand Sword Bearer, Thos. S. Sibthorpe, J.P., Grand I.G., and Archibald St. George Assistant Secretary. Apologies were received from Bros. Lord Arthur Hill G.S.W., the Earl of Bandon Grand Secretary, Maxwell H. Close Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, and others. The Grand Lodge was thus officered: Bros. the Marquis of Headfort G.S.W., the Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith G.J.W., Alderman John Moyes, LL.D., G.S.D., Harry H. Hodges G.J.D., and Thomas Sibthorpe, J.P., G.I.G. The Grand Lodge having been opened, His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin invoked a blessing. The Deputy Grand Master announced the special business which had called the brethren together, and nominated the following to receive the Grand Master elect, and conduct him into their presence:—Bros. the Hon. Judge Townshend, Edward H. Kinahan, J.P., Dr. Banks Grand D.C., and James Creed Meredith Grand Steward. The Duke of Abercorn was escorted by the officers named to the dais, where he was presented to the Deputy Grand Master by Bro. Judge Townshend. The customary obligation having been duly administered, His Grace was invested with the insignia of office, and took the chair. The Deputy Grand Master then made the following proclamation:—I proclaim the most high, potent, and noble James, Duke of Abercorn, Marquis of Hamilton, Viscount Strabane, Lord Hamilton, Baron of Strabane and Baron of Mountcastle in the Peerage of Ireland, Marquis of Abercorn and Viscount Hamilton in the Peerage of Great Britain, Earl of Abercorn, Baron of Paisley, Arbroath, Abercorn, Hamilton, Mountcastle, and Kilpatrick, in the Peerage of Scotland, a baronet of Ireland, a duke of Ireland, Duke of Chatlerbault in France, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county Donegal, and Companion of the Bath, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland. The Deputy Grand Master then addressed the Duke of Abercorn:—My Lord Duke and Most Worshipful Sir,—On behalf of the Freemasons of Ireland, I desire to express to your Grace our most fraternal and heartfelt congratulations on your installation as head of the Order in Ireland, and it is to myself a source of sincere pleasure and allowable pride that it has fallen to my lot, as the presiding officer, to place you in the chair of Grand Master. Though your Grace has been hitherto unable to take part in our Masonic proceedings in Dublin, the brethren are aware that you were nominated by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, and the patron of the Order of Ireland, to the post of Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and the tongue of good report has also borne testimony to the zealous and efficient manner in which you have discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Master of Derry and Donegal. To be selected by the unanimous vote of so numerous and influential a body as the Freemasons of Ireland to preside over them is an honour of which any one, no matter how exalted his rank, might well be proud; but, my Lord Duke, to be called on to fill the place of our late revered and respected Grand Master must evoke in your mind, in addition, feelings of peculiar solemnity. It is a little more than eleven years since we were assembled in this hall to welcome amongst us, as our Grand Master, Her Most Gracious Majesty's then Viceroy of Ireland, whose noble and dignified presence and eloquent address added lustre to all assemblies in which he took part, and won the hearts of all with whom he was brought in contact, and no one who was present on that memorable occasion can forget the enthusiastic reception accorded to him by the brethren. The inscrutable dispensation of the Great Architect of the Universe has removed him, who, take him all in all, we scarce dare hope to look upon his like again, and has left his family to deplore the loss of a loving and devoted husband and father, and us, his Masonic brethren, of our valued and venerated guide and head. To you, sir, has fallen a princely heritage, a great name, and a long bead-roll of illustrious ancestors, brave and honourable men, and fair and virtuous women; but amongst them all are two pre-eminently distinguished, to whose bright example and careful training is to be attributed the exalted position their children have attained amongst the nobles of the land, and whose kind and sincere friendship it was my great privilege to have had fully and invariably accorded me. In your presence and upon this occasion I cannot trust myself to speak as I should wish of him who has gone; but for her who is left to cherish the memory of so many years of loving union, I would bespeak the continued and warm sympathy of all in this her time of deep distress. In an assemblage of Masons it may seem out of place to allude to the lessons that are inculcated amongst us in all our ceremonials; but at this juncture in the destinies of our beloved country, and especially when our Order is assailed by people who wilfully misrepresent our objects and actions, it cannot be amiss in me, who have for so many years been so closely identified with the Masonic body, to avow, as I have always done, the principles that actuate us Masons, and that unite in the bonds of Brotherhood men of every country, sect, and opinion. Brotherly love, charity and truth, universal benevolence and tolerance, are the characteristics of the Order, and we recognise no distinction of class or creed—religious or political. Our motto is—Fear God, honour the King, and love the Brotherhood. As my utterances on this occasion may be made public, I would very briefly refer to the charge—which is in print, and may be read by any one who likes—given to every Mason on his admission into the Order. The earnest study of the volume of the Sacred Law, and the constant practice of the Divine precepts therein contained, of our duty to our God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves, are first most strongly urged, and those precepts are fully explained and amplified. The charge then proceeds: — "As a citizen I enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or countenancing anything which may disturb the peace and good order of society, by paying obedience to the laws of the State in which you reside and by which you are protected, and by never losing sight of the allegiance you owe to the Sovereign of your native land. As an individual, I would enjoin upon you the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you, temperance chasten you, fortitude support you, and justice be the guide of all your actions; and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments, Benevolence and Charity." And in closing our Lodges, when imploring the benediction of our Heavenly Father, we pray that every moral and social virtue may cement and unite us. This brief allusion to portions of our ceremonial should, in the minds of thinking people, be a complete refutation of the attacks upon us. I have, my Lord Duke and Most Worshipful Sir, occupied your time and that of the brethren present longer than I should have liked, but I felt it my duty in this public manner to repel the false charges made against the Order. In conclusion, I would wish your Grace many years of continued and unclouded happiness; and I trust that, as we can congratulate ourselves on your having undertaken the responsible office of Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, you will have no reason to regret your having done so. Before I lay aside my insignia as Deputy Grand Master, my emblem of authority over my brethren, I ask them to assist me in saluting their newly-installed Grand Master according to ancient custom. This having been done, M.W. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn said: R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Brethren,—I feel most flattered at the kind allusion with which you, Worshipful Grand Master, have been pleased to refer to myself, and also at the touching references made to the memory of my dear father, your late Worshipful Grand Master. It will be long, I am sure, before the recollection of his face and form fades from your hearts, together with the interest that he always took in the working of the Masonic Order in this country. I feel more especially the great and distinguished honour that you, brethren, have been pleased to confer upon me to-day, and I cannot help thinking that it is chiefly owing to the accident of birth that I am in the proud position of being now your Worshipful Grand Master, and not from any merits of my own arising from any great services to the Craft. I can only venture to express a hope that the brethren in Ireland may have no reason to regret this accident of birth, and for my part I shall always endeavour to discharge the important duties connected with my present position to the best of my ability; and it will be my constant desire to follow worthily in the footsteps of your late Grand Master. The position that I now occupy is one indeed to be envied by Masons, not only with regard to the United Kingdom generally, and taking into consideration the similar position that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupies in England, but more especially with respect to that portion of the United Kingdom in which we live, and which I pray for

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centuries to come may form an integral portion of that Kingdom. We live in troubled times, as your worthy Deputy Grand Master has just said—times to which it is impossible to assign any futurity of peace or tranquillity. But when we leave the outer world, with all its cares and anxieties, and enter this Hall, we feel—at least I do—that we have entered into another sphere, and for the time being are living in a bond of union, friendship, and charity with all men. And this is literally true, for have we not assembled within these walls men of all classes of society in Ireland? We are graced to-day by the presence of one of the ablest judges of the land, and the name of our brother will be handed down to posterity associated with the brightest deeds of Charity in connection with the Masonic Order. We have worthy and distinguished representatives of the legal and literary professions, of the landed interest, of the commercial and trading classes, and of the poor artizan and country labourer. And it is over these, brethren, that you have to-day elected me to preside—over this large community, with its hundreds of Lodges, ranging from the north to the south, the east to the west extended, in the area, but united in fellow feeling and love. I wish that the calumniators of our Order could for once understand the system upon which we live and let live. They would then be less willing and less desirous of finding fault with us. We are, it is true, a secret society, but a society without any political motive, but one that only works for the good of our fellow countrymen when in distress or affliction. I cannot, brethren, refrain from referring for an instant to the two great Charities that are connected with our Order—the Masonic Orphan Girls' and Boys' Schools. I have to congratulate you upon the successful working of both of these Institutions, that success being mainly attributable to the energy displayed by various members of the Craft who have the cause of these excellent Charities at heart, and also to the generous spirit evinced on their behalf by the various Lodges throughout Ireland. May the success that has hitherto attended them continue to prosper, thereby increasing year by year the number of poor orphans to be admitted within their walls. I will not detain you, brethren, further, for I have now a most pleasing duty to perform—to invest for the third time our worthy Brother Shekleton as Deputy Grand Master of the Order. In bringing under your notice the name of Bro. Shekleton I am not introducing to you the name of an unknown Mason. When I knew it fell to my lot to have the great pleasure of appointing a Deputy Grand Master, I at once felt that it would be with the sanction of all the brethren throughout this land that I should nominate Bro. Shekleton to that position. It is needless for me to say—the approbation which you have shown at the mention of his name proves—that he is a brother worthy to be accepted by you for the third time as Deputy Grand Master. It is also a matter of gratification to myself to think that I am able to propose such a worthy and excellent Mason. I beg now, brethren, to invest Brother Shekleton as Deputy Grand Master of this most distinguished Order. The Deputy Grand Master having been invested with the insignia of his office, was saluted. R.W. Bro. Robert W. Shekelton, Q.C., said: Most Worshipful Sir,—It is with feelings of the greatest diffidence that I stand amongst my brethren to return thanks, as I have so often done, for the honours that have been conferred upon me in Masonry. I confess that to a certain extent I was reluctant to undertake the office again, because I felt that, having filled it for so many years, it was my duty to give way to a younger brother, one who would be enabled to discharge the duties to your satisfaction, who would bring a larger amount of energy into the performance of those duties, and devote more time to the interests of the Order that I of late years have been able to do. But I felt, at the same time, that it was my duty when his Grace the Grand Master intimated his intention to nominate me, that I should not decline that honour unless I were thoroughly satisfied that it was not in my power to discharge the duties of the office; and, finally, I placed myself in the hands of my brethren, as I have always done, bespeaking their kind assistance and support, which have been hitherto on every occasion so generously accorded to me. To you, Most Worshipful Sir, I return my personal thanks for having entrusted me with the office. I must say that I am not unknown to your Grace, having had the honour of your friendship now for many years. To you, my brethren, I am not a stranger, having been Deputy Grand Master for a period now of nearly seventeen years. I believe it has been unprecedented in the annals of the Order that a brother has filled that important office for so many years, and that the same brother has had to discharge the duties of Grand Master on two separate occasions. I confess that thought brings melancholy reflections to me, because it reminds me of the death of two brethren, who were kind and generous and noble friends of myself; and I assure you that that alone has weighed upon me, and made me very doubtful whether I should have undertaken the office again. But, brethren, I thank you heartily for the way in which you have received my name to-night, and I can assure you that as long as I have the honour of being entrusted with the position of Deputy Grand Master I shall endeavour to discharge the duties of the office, as I have hitherto done, without regard to any man in the Order, simply actuated by a desire to do my duty to the Craft, and promote the well-being of the Order. Bro. the Hon. Judge Townshend said: Most Worshipful Grand Master,—I have been requested, as having discharged the functions for several years of the high office of Deputy Grand Master, to mention to your Grace publicly here to-night, if you did not know it already, that the Order in Ireland, on hearing that you had been pleased to nominate our R.W. Bro. Shekleton to the office of Deputy Grand Master—an office which, as I well know, requires no little care, no little attention, is encumbered with a good deal of difficulty, requires much discretion, much command of temper, and many other attributes which I do not like to enumerate lest it might look as if I wished to take credit for the possession of them myself, but which we all recognise in the D.G.M., whom we most gladly receive and welcome amongst us for the third time—determined to present him with an address which would but feebly convey their appreciation of his high personal character, and of the eminent services he has rendered to Freemasonry in Ireland. I have to ask your Grace to present, in the name of the brethren, this very handsome testimonial to our beloved brother; and we ask you to do so, not merely because we know that it will obtain a very great enhancement in that way, but that it will be gratifying to your Grace to be able by that overt act, in the face of this great assembly, to testify to your brethren that you are gratified at the fact that they have so kindly and so cordially received the appointment that you have made. I now place the address in your hands for formal presentment, and I think you will agree with me that it is in itself not unworthy of the Order or of the state of decorative art in Ireland. The following is the text of the address:

Address from the Freemasons of Ireland to the Right Worshipful Brother Robert Wm. Skeleton, Q.C., J.P., Deputy Grand Master.

Right Worshipful and Very Dear Brother,

It is with sincere pleasure that the members of the Masonic Order in this country present their fraternal welcome and congratulation to you upon the occasion of your appointment, now for the third time, as Deputy Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, a position which you have already filled under our late Grand Masters (His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., and His Grace the Duke of Leinster) for the unprecedented period of nearly 17 years, with credit to yourself and benefit to the Craft. In order to commemorate this event, they purpose placing your portrait in the Grand Lodge room, where they trust it may long continue as a memorial of the services of one so highly esteemed and beloved by his brethren. In conclusion, they fraternally hope that much happiness is reserved for you in the future, and that you may be long spared to perform those exalted Masonic duties which you have so ably discharged in the past.

Signed, on behalf of the brethren, this 3rd day of March, 1886.

ABERCORN, Grand Master.
BANDON, Grand Secretary.

The Duke of Abercorn, in presenting the address, said the acclamation with which the brethren had received the words of Brother Judge Townshend furnished a further proof—if such were wanting—that to no one could such a testimonial be more fittingly presented than to their, for the third time, newly-elected Deputy Grand Master. Without further preface, he begged to hand to Brother Shekleton the address which had been presented to him so heartily and so unanimously by the brethren. Bro. Theophilus St. George was formally present as representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, U.S., and, having been invested with the insignia of that office, Bro. St. George took his seat on the dais. Bro. Shekleton said Bro. St. George had been for many years a most active member of the Order. He had filled all the subordinate offices in the Grand Lodge, and had now retired into the ranks of the illustrious Past Grand Officers; but the choice of the Grand Lodge of Virginia could not—as all the brethren well knew—have fallen upon a better or more deserving Mason. During the evening a collection for the Masonic Orphan Schools was made, the National Anthem was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed with customary formalities.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards in connection with the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer. Bro. Terry, as Secretary, submitted the statement of accounts, and payment of the bills having been ordered, votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman of the Festival (the Most Noble the Marquis of Hertford S.G.W.), the President, Treasurer, and other Officers of the Board for their services, and to Bros. Martin and Flatteley for their efforts on behalf of the Institution, which had resulted in their bringing up lists of £150 and £140 respectively. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys assembled on Saturday, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer V.P. P.G. Standard Bearer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information. Two petitions were received, and after consideration they were approved, the lads thereby becoming eligible for the October election. A grant was made to a former pupil of the Institution, and a vote of thanks having been passed to the chairman the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

The lads who were sent up from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to the Cambridge Middle Class Examinations in December last acquitted themselves most satisfactorily, all of them having satisfied the examiners, while a large majority were placed in the Honours Classes. Thirteen boys went up for examination, with the following result:—Honours: Class I.—A. S. Haworth, distinguished in Latin and Mathematics. Class II.—C. J. Jarman, G. N. C. Keighley, A. J. Kennedy, and S. W. Richardson. Class III.—H. R. Hounslow, J. Langdon, W. W. Lucas, and W. J. Pringle. Satisfied the Examiners: H. W. N. Knott, H. V. N. Scrope-Shrapnel, G. W. Southam, and F. T. Tanner.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE first meeting of this substantial old Lodge since the installation of Bro. W. Saint as Worshipful Master was held on Monday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The W.M. was supported by Bros. F. Silvester S.W., G. P. Nightingale J.W., S. Smither S.D., J. Gildersleve I.G., W. A. Cubitt I.P.M., Past Masters R. Kershaw, T. B. Biddle, H. T. Reed, Bedford Lemere, S. Webb, and J. Smith; Bros. H. F. Jones, J. Dongray, A. W. South, J. Egan, W. Belchamber, J. W. Garwood, W. J. Parker, J. Grundy, J. H. Clare, G. Masters, H. King, J. Little, W. Colyer, E. Carey, E. H. Walden, W. G. Farnley, F. Westoby, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. George Sadler 172, S. M. Pipe 1306, G. Andrews 1420, and others. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Frederick Hemmings was raised, the ceremony being performed in most creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Lodge was then resumed in the second, but the candidate, Brother A. F. Jones, being unavoidably absent, the ceremony was rehearsed. The manner in which this was done reflected the utmost credit on all who participated in the rite, and augurs well for the success which may be anticipated next meeting. A candidate for initiation was nominated, and after the transaction of some matters of business Lodge was closed in due form, amidst the heartiest good wishes. The brethren afterwards partook of a récherché supper, provided by Bro. Clemow in that style of elegance and refinement for which Anderton's has long been proverbial. This being an off-night, the W.M. said he intended to be brief in proposing the customary toasts; but in drinking to the Queen and the Craft, he said it would not be in any body of Freemasons that the name of her Majesty would be received with any expression of disloyalty such as had been alleged to have taken place elsewhere. The toast was received with enthusiasm, as also were those of the Most Worshipful Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The I.P.M. then rose, and said this was the second time he had been entrusted with the gavel, and in proposing the health of their Worshipful Master, he confessed he had great pleasure in doing so on this occasion. Being an off-night they must congratulate themselves upon the very pleasant gathering they were now enjoying. He was pleased to tell the brethren that they were not likely to be long without an initiate into the good old Lodge of Confidence, for, as they had heard, a candidate would be brought forward at the next meeting. The toast having been heartily received, the Worshipful Master briefly returned thanks, and in so doing said he felt a debt of gratitude to the brethren for the kindness with which they had greeted the mention of his name. He trusted the Lodge might go forward during his term of office, and that they might have a still further increase of members. It was always gratifying to see "new blood" coming into the Lodge, because it kept them up to the standard, and made them feel, as others felt, an interest in the Lodge of Confidence, in addition to the older members. He was a little disappointed that matters were not quite so glowing at the opening of his year as he could have wished, yet he hoped on the next occasion of their meeting there would be a more numerous attendance. He then proposed the Visitors, observing that they were not numerous that evening, as might have been expected. Nevertheless, they were most heartily welcome, and he was pleased to think that although their gathering was a small one, yet he trusted their Visitors would perceive that this welcome was a genuine one. There was the same spirit and good feeling pervading all the brethren, and he was sure that would be appreciated by those present. If there was not that enthusiasm which marked some of their gatherings when a larger number was present, still he was pleased to see the Visitors, and as to the way in which the business had been conducted, both at the Lodge and at the festive board, he hoped they would think it creditable to the Confidence Lodge, and to all parties concerned. They endeavoured to carry out the business in a proper and dignified manner, and he trusted the Visitors would go away with a favourable impression of what they had seen. Bro. Sadler, in responding, said he was sorry he could not be present in time to see the working in Lodge, but he thanked them for the hospitality which had been extended to the Visitors. He came there as a stranger within their gates, with only Freemasonry to recommend him; and he hoped to have an opportunity before long of again meeting the brethren of this excellent Lodge, which had such a reputation for good working. Bro. Pipe also replied, stating that he had had the honour and pleasure of knowing their Worshipful Master for 20 years, Bro. Saint, in his estimation, was a worthy of worthies, both in public and private life. He wished continued prosperity to the Lodge, and a year of happiness and success to their Worshipful Master. Bro. Andrews added his quota to the thanks of the Visitors for the hospitality they had enjoyed, and spoke in the highest terms of the work he had witnessed in the Lodge room. The W.M. then gave the Immediate Past Master, and the Past Masters of the Lodge present. He thanked Brother Cubitt for his counsel and assistance, and for his willingness at all times to help forward the work of the Lodge. It was a source of satisfaction to see so many of the Past Masters in attendance, ready to support the efforts of the Officers and himself in the carrying out of their duties. They were all so well known that it would be superfluous on his part to say anything in their commendation; but it was satisfactory to know that they did not retire upon their laurels after they had passed the chair, but continued their active interest in the Lodge, as they had done hitherto. The toast was heartily drank, and Bro. Cubitt I.P.M., responding to the toast, said he was very pleased to see they had a numerous gathering of Past Masters, this being an "off-night." Sometimes brethren, after they had passed the chair, found it convenient to have other business to prevent them from attending on these small occasions; but that was not so in the Confidence. The Worshipful Master had said he was somewhat disappointed at the results of his first night's work, but he had no need to be upset in that respect. His (the speaker's) predecessor had no initiate on the first two occasions of his sitting, but had eleven during his year; and he (Bro. Cubitt) had no initiate on his first night, but finished up the year with ten. Bro. Saint had none that evening, but one had been nominated for the next meeting, and there was a prospect that he would have as successful a year as any of his predecessors. This was a strong Lodge, having 86 subscribing members, but they must have an infusion of new blood to take the place of those who would inevitably drop off through death or from other causes. He trusted their W.M. would have health and strength to carry out his duties, with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. expressed regret that their esteemed Secretary, Bro. J. Shackell P.M. was prevented from being present that night, and was sure the brethren all wished for him a speedy restoration to health. He then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, observing that it was a source of great pleasure to be surrounded by so efficient and competent a body. Many other brethren were working up to the chair, so there need be no fear as to the way in which the business of the Confidence Lodge would be conducted in the future. Bro. Silvester was sure that he and his brother Officers were anxious to do all they could to make themselves efficient, and to qualify themselves for the high position they one and all aspired to occupy. Everything he did for the Lodge he did with a great deal of pleasure, and he was sure the same spirit actuated the whole of the Officers of the Lodge. He had worked from the very lowest rung of the ladder, and it was his aim to attain to the proud position which the Worshipful Master now so worthily held. Bro. Nightingale also responded. He felt very grateful to the W.M. for mentioning his name in connection with the toast. He assured him that it would be a pleasant duty to exert his utmost efforts to assist in carrying out the work of the Lodge, and to promote its best interests; and it was also his ambition to make himself worthy of the chair when his turn should come. He also had taken the lowest step of the ladder, but hoped in time to fill the position which Bro. Saint so worthily and honourably occupied. Bros. Smither, Egan, and Colyer expressed themselves in similar terms, and the proceedings were closed at an early hour with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital songs were given, the humorous vein being, as usual, irresistibly sustained by Bro. Silvester.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

ON Monday evening, the 1st inst., there was a large and representative gathering of the Masons of West Yorkshire on the occasion of the initiation of Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., into this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. Bro. Charles Scriven was in the Master's chair, and the other Officers of the Lodge present were Bros. John Jacques I.P.M., A W. Youings S.W., W. H. Bradford J.W., J. W. Fourness P.M. Treasurer, William Smith Secretary, W. Ward S.D., J. Ellis J.D., W. B. Townsend P.M. Organist, T. Craistor I.G., A. K. Scattergood and W. J. Gwillam Stewards, and J. Calverley P.M. The Visitors, who came from all parts of the Province, included Bros. T. W. Tew Past G.D. of England Prov. G.M., Henry Smith D.P.G.M., Rev. Canon Bullock P.P.G. Chap., Rev. J. J. Needham P.G. Chap., Rev. J. A. Naylor P.G. Chap., J. Menzies P.P.G.W., C. L. Mason P.P.G. Treasurer, A. W. Stanfield Prov. G. Reg., W. F. Smithson P.P.G.D., G. F. Crowe P.P.G.D., D. R. Glover P.P.G.D., Thos. Winn P.P.G. Sup. of W., T. Bateman Fox Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Alfred Austin P.P.G.S.B., J. Richardson P.P.G.A.P., Saml. Slack P.P.G.D. of C., H. T. Gardiner Prov. G. Steward, Jas. Milnes W.M. 289, Thos. Myers W.M. 304, John Thrippleton W.M. 306, Wm. Tyers W.M. 1042, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.D.D.G.M. East. Arch. W.M. 2069, A. Williamson P.M. 289, Wm. Greaves P.M. 289, J. Dobson P.M. 289, John Dyson P.M. 306, J. B. Hargreaves P.M. 1311, W. Watson P.M. 2069, Henry Oxley P.M. 495, H. Carr W.M. 1085, Thos. Ecroyd P.M. 439, and many others. Bro. Thos. Winn P.M. P.P.G. Sup. of W. acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. W. B. Townsend P.M. had charge of the musical arrangements of the evening. Letters of apology were received from Bros. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.M. Prov. G.S.W., Colonel A. Charlesworth P.M. Prov. G.J.W., Ald. Thos. Hill P.M., Mayor of Bradford, Ald. John Rhodes, Mayor of Pontefract, Herbert G. E. Green P.M. Prov. G. Sec., and others. The ceremony of initiating Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., into the mysteries of Freemasonry was performed by Bro. Scriven, assisted by Bros. Tew, Bradford, and Ward. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Tew said that he was deeply obliged for the compliment accorded to him of enabling him to take part in the interesting ceremony of that evening, and to mark the accession to the Craft of a gentleman distinguished by many and varied qualifications, one whose eloquence and ability had so endeared him to the people of Leeds that in the autumn of last year he was elected as Parliamentary representative of the Central Division of the borough, and their satisfaction was greatly added to by the fact that they were welcoming so talented a representative to the ranks of Freemasonry. Goderich Lodge had that evening shown its appreciation of personal worth by admitting Bro. Balfour as a member, and it had recognised the justness of the selection made by the outside public of his fitness for a political career. That Bro. Balfour would uphold the principles of the Craft they knew full well. In conclusion, he wished prosperity to the Goderich Lodge, and complimented the W.M. (Bro. Scriven) on the large gathering of Masons over which he had been called upon to preside. The scroll was then taken, when Bro. Youings was announced as W.M. elect. After "hearty good wishes" had been exchanged, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, admirably served by Bro. A. Wood. Bro. Scriven in felicitous terms proposed the health of R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire Bro. T.

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W. Tew P.G.D. of England, and W. Deputy P.G.M. Bro. H. Smith, and the P.G. Officers Present and Past. The R.W. P.G.M., in responding, said that the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was never in a finer condition of prosperity than now. The largest proportion of Lodges had already sent in their returns, from which it appeared that there were a larger number of Freemasons in the province than he had ever known to be the case in the twenty-three years during which he had been connected with the province. He had the honour to be present at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London, under the presidency of the Marquis of Hertford. He was proud to find himself so well supported by Stewards from West Yorkshire, when the announcement was made that the province had contributed to the funds of the Institution the magnificent sum of about £735, the second largest amount that had been sent up from the Provinces. There were many candidates for that admirable charity, and he believed that West Yorkshire would be always found supporting their candidates, both by their votes and their purse, to the best of their ability. He alluded to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Sheffield, on the 14th of April next, when business of great importance was to be dealt with, and he hoped the Leeds brethren in large numbers would be present. Freemasonry was in a very flourishing condition in Leeds, and he hoped to see the day when all the eight Lodges of the town would meet under one roof. He hoped Freemasonry would always thrive in Leeds, and that all the brethren would work together in harmony, with one great object in view, namely, brotherly love, relief, and truth. In conclusion, he called upon the brethren not to forget the late P.G.M., Bro. Sir H. Edwards, who was lying on a bed of sickness. It was their bounden duty to remember one who had done so nobly in the past, and to express the hope that he might be long spared. The Prov. G.M. then gave the initiate's toast, which was received with enthusiasm. Bro. G. W. Balfour, M.P., in returning thanks, said that he had discovered that though not building in a material sense they were Masons in a spiritual sense, and he rejoiced to think that he had become a member of that great body. He trusted to remain not merely a sleeping partner, but an active member of the great society, and in due time to merit the kind and cordial reception they had accorded to him. Other toasts followed.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd ult., an emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York. The W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, had expressed a desire to visit the Eboracum Lodge for the purpose of exchanging fraternal courtesies and seeing the working of the Lodge, and accordingly a special meeting was arranged for their convenience. The Lodge having been opened, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W., in the absence of Bro. A. T. B. Turner W.M., who is in bad health. There were present also Bros. J. Blenkin P.M. as I.P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., Geo. Ayre P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Brown S.W., Geo. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G.O. as J.W., J. Kay Secretary, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., W. Storey Steward, W. Stephenson I.G., P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, J. Hall Tyler, W. T. Nance, W. B. Dyson, J. W. Blenkin, J. E. Wilkinson, H. Mennell, W. G. Carter, W. Sharp, C. Taff, W. Routledge, Geo. Hebblethwaite, T. Horsley, B. Stephenson, and H. Shonksmith; and the following visitors: Bros. Geo. Kirby P.M. 236, Major McGachen P.M. 1991, R. C. Faukner, S. G. Crummack, T. Watkinson, J. Bisoomb 236, and G. Manton 279. The W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge, 1416, were announced, entered the room, and took their places to the number of 11, including Bros. Z. Wright W.M., Dr. Longford S.W., Dr. Hartley J.W., J. T. Hansell Secretary, T. J. Wilkinson P.M. and Treasurer, C. Greensides P.M., Rev. E. Richardson J.D., Rev. Canon Camidge P.M. P.P.G.C. Chap., F. R. Hansell D.C., W. W. Hall I.G., and J. S. Farmery Tyler. Bro. Whytehead welcomed the Visitors in the name of the Lodge, expressed regret at the absence of the W.M., and hoped that the practice of interchanging visits between Lodges would become more frequent. Bro. Z. Wright replied, expressing the pleasure it gave himself and his brethren to be present. Bro. Blenkin P.M. then took the chair, and proceeded to initiate a candidate who had been balloted for at the last regular Lodge, and subsequently Bro. Whytehead resumed the chair, and initiated a second candidate, the charge being given by the Senior Warden. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the arrival was announced of Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram Grand Chaplain and D.P.G.M. of Durham, and that distinguished brother was introduced by a deputation under the direction of Bro. Ayre P.M. as D.C., and was saluted. At the request of the Visitors, the Lodge was then raised to the second and third degrees, and again lowered, after which Bro. T. B. Whytehead said that, as usual, he had a pleasant duty to perform, namely, to present to the Lodge more gifts on the part of its members. Bro. G. Lamb had done a quantity of painting, staining, &c., for the Lodge on entering its new premises, and had forwarded to the Treasurer a receipted bill for the whole amount. Bro. Shonksmith had presented a quantity of glasses engraved with Masonic emblems and the number of the Lodge. Bro. W. Stephenson had given a set of match trays for the smoke room table, and three antique goblets engraved with Masonic emblems; and he himself begged to present to the library the Abbé Barruel's "History of Jacobinism," in four volumes. Votes of thanks were passed for these gifts and the Lodge was closed with "hearty good wishes." The brethren then adjourned to the supper room, the capacity of which was tried to its utmost limits. An excellent supper had been provided by the Tyler, to which justice was done, and after the wreck had been removed the usual loyal toasts were given. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave the toast of the Falcons. He said for some years it had been an annual pleasure to him to visit Thirsk at a certain period and to instal the Worshipful Masters of the Falcon Lodge, whom he regarded as his Masonic children, the youngest of whom he was pleased to see smiling on his left. The Falcon Lodge had shown marvellous activity considering its dimensions and locality. It had a beautiful little hall of its own and did good and intelligent work in Masonry. He hoped that they had that night inaugurated in York a new feature in the way of Masonic visiting, which would be continued and extended. Bro. Z. Wright responded, saying how gratified he and his brethren had been in witnessing the clean working of the Eboracum Lodge, and how much surprise they had felt at the beautiful details of the furniture and the general excellence of the new premises. He said that the Falcon Lodge had not as much work on hand as their entertainers, but they kept their working tools in good order, and ready to work up any good material that was presented to them. Bro. Canon Camidge proposed Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, and referred to his early friendship with Bro. Whytehead, when as schoolfellows they often rowed up the river Ouse against stream and wind. Now, however, they were embarked on the stream of Masonry, with both wind and stream in their favour, and he trusted that the voyage so auspiciously begun would continue as happily. He congratulated the Eboracum Lodge upon its success and the good work it was doing, and concluded by speaking in the highest terms of Freemasonry, its value to society, and its influence on the happiness of mankind. The toast was responded to by Bro. J. Blenkin P.M. The toast of the Visitors was given by Bro. W. Brown S.W., and responded to by Bro. G. Kirby P.M. Bro. J. T. Seller P.M. proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and Bro. G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer responded. Bro. W. B. Dyson gave the Health of the Candidates, and both of them responded. Bro. Whytehead gave the Masonic Charities, and spoke of the work done by the Lodge in that direction, which had been mainly owing to the efforts of their Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., whom he had hoped to have seen amongst them that evening. Bro. T. Horsley responded, and after the Tyler's toast the meeting broke up. During the evening several songs were given by Bros. G. Kirby P.M., Major McGachen P.M., J. E. Wilkinson, H. Mennell, and others.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

IN consequence of a fire which occurred at the Club adjoining the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, the regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, on the 4th March. Bros. H. Baber W.M., W. H. Ranson S.W., C. Tarry J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Secretary, F. T. Ridpath S.D., J. Kilvington J.D., W. Best and C. A. Wadsworth Stewards, F. C. Pascall P.M., C. Daniel P.M. 65, H. E. Philps, and W. Lane Tyler. Lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the dispensation from the M.W. the Grand Master, authorising the Lodge to meet at the above address. Bro. Philps was passed to the second degree. Great regret was expressed by the brethren at the fire, which had taken place on the previous Tuesday, whereby the regalia of the Lodge had been destroyed, and the furniture and fittings injured, but above all at the loss of the oil painting of Bro. W. Foulsham, which had been presented to the Lodge at the February meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and sent to Bro. T. Turquand Fillan, W.M. of the Langton Lodge, for allowing the use of the furniture and regalia of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, and to Bro. G. Anderson P.G.S., at whose premises the meeting was held. After some other business Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was largely attended, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., among those present being Bros. H. Long W.M., William Royston Pike J.W., A. L. Emanuel Secretary, G. Backer Treasurer, W. Maybour J.D., G. Sylvester Organist, W. C. Ford, J. Elverston, T. Page, A. Austin, J. Gieve, E. Hill, E. H. Bayley, C. Reader, F. Bevis, J. Johns, and J. Galt. The visitors were Bros. E. Goble Provincial Grand Secretary, E. Nayler Provincial Grand Steward, J. Wallingford, J. W. Gieve, J. Wedlock, W. Clarke, A. Ashby, G. Grant, G. Barnden, R. H. Jee, G. F. Brown, and P. H. Emanuel. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of a banquet well served by Bro. Maybour. The Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Long, who presided, said he had a most pleasing duty to perform, the most pleasing during his year of office. It was to make a presentation to Bro. Emanuel, their honorary Secretary. Bro. Emanuel, like many others, had "tied" himself up. The members thought they should mark that event. He was connected with several societies in the town, all of which had recognised the great event of his life. The brethren had therefor met together that evening to present Bro. Emanuel with a handsome Dresden China clock and pair of candelabra to match, and hoped he would live for many years with his wife, and have some little ones about him, who in the coming by-and-bye would be able to look on the presentation with love and pride. Bro. Emanuel had been a most hardworking and zealous Secretary, and had always evinced an interest in the welfare of the Lodge. Might the One above spare him to be amongst them for many years. Bro. Emanuel, who was enthusiastically received, thanked the W.M. for the presentation, made on behalf of himself and the brethren, of such a handsome marriage gift. He was connected with many societies, all of which had recognised his humble services, but he could assure the brethren that none were more appreciated than the one received that evening from many dear brethren, whose friendship he thoroughly appreciated. Regarding his marriage, he felt he had done a wise and sensible thing, and hoped that he might be spared amongst them for many years to come. He had had a good example set him in Masonry by his late esteemed father, and he assured the brethren that if it was their will, he would always officiate as Secretary with that faithfulness and zeal he had hitherto. Beneath the base of the clock was a silver plate bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. A. L. Emanuel, on his marriage, by the members

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of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, as a token of respect and to mark their appreciation of his services as Secretary from the formation of the Lodge, 1881 to date 1886."

Other toasts followed, and with the aid of harmony, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Monday, 8th instant, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors, though, possibly by reason of the inclement weather, the gathering was not so numerous as usual. There was a considerable amount of business on the agenda paper, including four raisings, a passing, and three initiations, besides balloting for a joining member and the election of Master, Treasurer, &c. for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Baker W.M., at four o'clock, and was fully engaged until 7 p.m. The only item on the list of business that was not effected was the passing, the candidate for which ceremony was not in attendance. Bros. Gammon, De Pinna, Gersell and Hoffman were raised to the third degree; Mr. Francis Charles Morgan, Mr. John Irving, and Mr. Charles Thomas Cowley were initiated into the first degree, and Bro. C. C. Morgan, 1257, was elected a joining member. The ballot was then taken for the Worshipful Master, to be installed in May next, and Bro. Senior-Hunt S.W. was unanimously elected to that honourable office. Bro. Rogers, Treasurer of the Lodge from its commencement, was also unanimously re-elected, as was also Bro. Walkley the Tyler. The I.P.M. Bro. Burdett-Coutts moved that on the termination of his year of office a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Baker. It is more than usually well deserved in the case of Bro. Baker, by reason of the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled the general duties of Master, and the especially correct working of the ceremonies in Lodge. Though doubtless Bro. Baker would fully appreciate this reward when presented to him, it must be a still greater satisfaction to him to note the increased prosperity and prestige which the Lodge has obtained during his term of office. Bro. Baker announced that since the last meeting of the Lodge they had lost one of their earliest members—Bro. Brinckmann—by death. Bro. Baker said he had taken upon himself to write a letter of sympathy to the family on behalf of the Abbey Lodge. He had been invited to be present at the interment, but had been unable to attend; he had, however, on behalf of the Lodge, sent a wreath of flowers, feeling sure that the brethren would endorse what he had done. Bro. Burdett-Coutts reported that he had, on the previous Wednesday, attended Grand Lodge, where he had had the honour of being selected to propose the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons. Speaking after the dinner which followed the closing of the Lodge, the I.P.M. further said that he had no idea why he was selected on Wednesday to perform that very high and dignified office, unless it was attributable to the fact that he was the first Master of the Abbey Lodge, which by its rapid growth and vigour, and by the admirable part it had played in the history of Freemasonry for the last two years, had won for itself a very honourable position in the Craft. The Grand Officers present were Bro. Simpson Past Grand Chaplain, Chaplain to the Abbey Lodge, and Bro. Jekyll Past Grand Organist. Among the Visitors were Bros. Russell W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, Goldstein and Bliss, also from the Carnarvon, Kaye W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge, Dr. Forbes, Griffith, Cave, Fisher, Thompson, and many others.

EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Hotel, Epping. The Officers present were Bros. J. Salmon W.M., E. G. Lewis I.P.M., J. Woodrow S.W., J. London J.W., Fraser S.D., Fletcher J.D., Hughes I.G., E. J. Acworth P.M. Treasurer, Fletcher Organist, Parkinson Tyler; also Bros. Noakes, Tucker, Lawrence, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meetings of January 2nd and 30th were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Tucker, a candidate for raising, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Tucker was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in due form. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. Noakes and Smith having answered the questions leading to the second were entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and by permission of the W.M., Bro. Acworth P.M. and Treasurer performed the ceremony of passing Bros. Noakes and Smith to the F.C. degree. Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, and the chair taken by the W.M., the ballot was taken for Mr. Sutton Abbott, and proving unanimously in his favour, he was initiated according to ancient custom. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and Bro. J. Salmon was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee. No further business offering, Lodge was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

A REGULAR meeting of this old and royal Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst. at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, when there was a numerous attendance, under the presidency of Bro. C. H. Ellis W.M. There were also present Bros. J. F. Curtis S.W., W. Smith J.W., H. Langley S.D., A. Woolley D.C., J. Curtis Organist, G. C. Jupe I.G., Past Masters R. Gillies, A. H. Hickman, J. Hillhouse, and R. H. Halford, C. Thomas Bros. G. T. Hurr Tyler, G. Brookes, J. T. Ashby, W. Ware, G. R. Lambert, C. Taylor, J. Jennings, W. Cubbage, B. G. Brickley, J. Holland, C. Reeve, J. Bruton, W. J. Randall, C. Jolley, W. H. Broadley, H. Paine, T. Baxter, J. Billinghurst, and others. Among the Visitors were Bros. Fredk. Edgington P.M. 1321, and H. Parry 1319. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was then advanced to the third, and Bros. W. H. Cook and Walter Ware were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being well carried out. Resuming in the second, Bros. J. Bruton and C. Jolley were passed, the working being, as in the former degree, most creditable to the W.M. and his Officers. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Benjamin Geo. Brinkley, who had been proposed by Bro. W. Smith J.W., and seconded by Bro. Edward Davies P.M. The voting being unanimously in favour, the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, in accordance with ancient rites. There was some discussion on the bye-laws, on a point raised by Bro. Hillhouse, which having been satisfactorily disposed of, and other business of minor importance gone through, the members and visitors supped together, when the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, amidst a pleasant sprinkling of vocal and instrumental music and recitations.

ST. JAMES' LODGE, No. 765.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., there being present on the occasion Bros. W. H. Tilling W.M., Geo. Tilling S.W., E. J. Rawle J.W., H. W. Mitten, Richard Tilling, J. Child, and Past Masters J. E. Costello S.D., Carnes, Perkins, Spencer, Alfred Tilling, Prior, Samuels, Miels, Roberts, Travers, Geo. Carter, J. Williams, Spalding, Walker, Brinkler, Rudd, and other members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. Martin W.M. 879, Marsh W.M. 1587, Chamberlain and Venables 1587, and Fountain 879. There was no ceremonial work before the Lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the bye-laws of the Lodge read, the brethren at once proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. Bro. George Tilling, the present esteemed S.W., received the unanimous vote of the members as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Child P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rowe Tyler, Auditors having been appointed and date of meeting arranged, a grant of ten guineas was unanimously voted to a former Past Master of the Lodge, now in need of assistance. On the proposition of Bro. H. W. Mitten, who in an excellent speech set forth the merits of the Worshipful Master and the praiseworthy manner in which he had discharged the duties of his exalted position, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. W. H. Tilling, to be presented at the ensuing meeting of the Lodge. No further business offering, the Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer. Refreshment followed labour, and the usual toasts were given, that of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. George Tilling, being most cordially received, and to which the newly-elected brother made appropriate response. For the Visitors, to whom a hearty welcome was accorded, the several brethren named replied in terms of high appreciation of their reception. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, whose term of office has been marked with a zealous endeavour to uphold the well-known character of this excellent Lodge.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the Portland Arms, Great Portland Street, W., on Wednesday last. Present: Bros. Latreille W.M., Burgess S.W., Thom J.W., Willby S.D., Lonsdale J.D., J. H. Price I.G., J. Paul Preceptor, Fowles Treasurer, W. Langdon P.M. Secretary. Visitors: Bros. Chalmers P.M., Hemmings, Dobson, Smale W.M. of the mother Lodge, and several others. This being the night for the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation by Bro. Latreille P.M., Bro. Taylor was placed in the chair. Bro. Taylor afterwards appointed the Officers, in a perfect manner. Bro. Latreille gave the addresses, to the great pleasure and instruction of the brethren. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. John Paul Preceptor. Bro. Dobson of the Ranelagh Lodge was elected a member; the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary were unanimously re-elected to serve for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to Bro. Latreille for his kindness in attending to rehearse the ceremony of installation, was cordially agreed to. Bro. Latreille made suitable reply, and this brought the proceedings to a close. Bro. Burgess P.M. will be the W.M. for the ensuing week.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road. Present—Bros. Baker W.M., Garner S.W., Rev. R. N. Sanderson J.W., Hughes Secretary, Jordan J.D., Weeden Preceptor, Welsford I.G., and other brethren. Lodge was honoured by a visit from Bro. Rev. Robert Nicholas Sanderson, Grand Chaplain, who kindly acted as J.W. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hughes acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Weeden, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Weeden then took the chair, and after preliminaries, rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Welsford acting as candidate. Bro. Baker then resumed the chair. Bro. Jordan 1580 was elected a member. Bro. Garner was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Baker for his able working in the chair, this being the first time in any Lodge of Instruction. Nothing else offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Rock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, the 1st instant. Brothers Cooper W.M., Fluck S.W., Snook J.W., Turner S.D., Hancock J.D., Collingridge Secretary, Stockhall I.G. After preliminaries, the W.M. was obligated and entrusted, and the ceremony of instal-

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lation rehearsed. After the customary salutations, the W.M. invested his Officers, and the Installing Master gave the addresses in an able manner, for which a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes, and Lodge closed in due form.

Monday, 8th instant.—Bros. Edis W.M., Hancock S.W., Fluck J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Keogh I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Moore acting as candidate for the former, and Bro. Collingridge for the latter. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for 15th instant. Bro. Brunton, Euphrates Lodge, was elected a member. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

The Fifth Annual Supper of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, will take place on Monday, 22nd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bro. J. Cooper W.M. 1693 in the chair, and Bro. R. P. Forge S.W. 1693 in the vice chair. Bro. J. H. Collingridge 1677 Secretary. Supper on table at 7·30.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489, held at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road, Hackney, on Monday, the 22nd March, by Brother James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

The W.M. (Bro. Chas F. Pardon), the Wardens, and Brethren of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928—the only Press Lodge in the world—will give their first evening concert on Saturday, the 20th instant, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, in aid of the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The Lord Chancellor (Bro. Baron Herschell), who, when Her Majesty's Solicitor General, visited the Lodge has, at his own request, been supplied with tickets. Bros. W. Ganz P.G. Organist, W. L. Barrett, and Frederick Cundy have promised their assistance. Amongst the other artistes who will give their services are Madame Thayer, Misses Bene Fowell, Alma Evelyn, Lizzie Mulholland, and Alice Farren; Messrs. Percy Palmer, Herbert Jewell, and Henry Horscroft, Messes. F. F. Buffen, Lee Davies, Sidney F. Hill (pianoforte), M. Theodore Werner (violin), Herr Otto Langly (violoncello). Following the Masonic principle of equality, there are to be no reserved seats. It is expected that many public men who are members of the Craft will take this opportunity of extending the right hand of fellowship to the members of the Fourth Estate.

The first meeting of the Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place on Monday next, 15th inst., at 4 o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, London, when the preliminary arrangements will be considered, and other business transacted.

At the meeting of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, at the White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, Cannon Street, on Thursday, the 18th of March, Bro. Langton will rehearse the installation ceremony, after which the meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association (which now numbers 115 members) will be held.

We regret to hear that Bro. Charles Godtschalk, who in his day has been one of the most zealous and consistent workers on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, still remains in a serious condition as regards his health Consequent on a further attack of paralysis, which occurred some four months since, our worthy brother is now bedridden, and the greater part of his time is spent in an almost unconscious state. Bro. Charles Godtschalk was always an attentive correspondent, and many of those who had business connections with him, in association with the several Committees of the Province of Devon, will accept this as an explanation for any delay that may have arisen in their communications not being replied to with that promptness that hitherto has characterised our brother. Acting on the advice of his physician, Bro. Godtschalk has removed from London, and we trust the change will produce the beneficial result so much desired.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ABBEY LODGE, No. 2129.

ANOTHER Lodge was added to the roll of Surrey on Tuesday, when the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey. In consequence of a severe attack of bronchitis, the Provincial Grand Master, General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., was unable to be present to perform the ceremony of consecration as he had intended, and in his absence the arrangements for the consecration of the Lodge were entrusted to Bro. Chas. Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer, who it is now definitely settled is to be the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in lieu of the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G. Chaplain, whose absence from this country necessitated his resigning that office. Among those present to do honour to the occasion were Bros. James Terry P.M. 228 P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Stampall Lambert W.M. 1556, C. Greenwood jun. P.P.G. Secretary, John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C., P. Murray 36, A. T. Onslow P.M. 1395, H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D., T. Vincent P.P.G. Sword Bearer, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, C. T. Tyler P.P.G.S.D., Thomas Wakley jun. 1395 Prov. G.J.D., J. D. Lester P.P.G.S.W. The brethren formed in procession and entered the Lodge, when Brother Greenwood appointed Brother John G. Horsey to the Senior Warden's chair, and Brother Lambert to that of Junior Warden. Bro. H. E. Frances was asked to take the post of D. of C., and Bro. Lester that of Inner Guard. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and after the hymn "Hail, Eternal," Bro. Greenwood explained the nature of the duties the brethren were assembled to perform. He then requested Brother James Terry to formally consecrate the Lodge. Bro. Charles Greenwood jun. officiated as Provincial Grand Secretary, and read the petition and warrant of the Lodge. The brethren having signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant, Bro. Terry gave an eloquent and practical oration on the principles of the Masonic Institution and the responsibilities of its members, after which the ceremony was proceeded with according to the customary forms. Bro. Henry Currie Leigh Bennett was installed as Worshipful Master, and Colonel Lorenzo George Dundas invested as Senior Warden, Brother William Henry Gardiner, the J.W. designate, was unable to be present, his investiture had therefore to be deferred until the first meeting of the Lodge. Brother James R. Boor Past Master and Secretary 370 was elected Treasurer, and duly invested. Bro. the Rev. Walter W. Martin P.M. Chaplain 370 was appointed Secretary, George Fox Spencer S.D., and G. J. Mason Tyler. The other offices will be filled latter on. The addresses were then delivered by Bro. Terry, and the ceremonial work of the day, which throughout was performed in that perfect manner we always look for from Bro. Terry, was brought to a conclusion. The customary votes of thanks were passed to those who had taken part in the day's proceedings, and Bro. Terry, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the pleasure he felt in taking part in the formation of a new Lodge for the Province of Surrey. The banquet was served in the dining-room of the Masonic Hall. The after proceedings were of the usual agreeable character. As a matter of course the approaching Festival of the Girls' School was referred to, and Bro. Charles Greenwood expressed his fervent desire that the Provincial Grand Master should be strongly supported on that occasion by the members of his Province. Brother Greenwood said that it was at Chertsey, thirty years since, that he first received his official appointment as Provincial Grand Secretary, and it was gratifying to him that it was also at Chertsey that he received his first recognition as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He felt a difficulty in following so zealous and expert a Mason as the Rev. C. W. Arnold, but hoped he should be able to discharge the duties of his new office for the benefit of the Province, and agreeably to the brethren comprising it. Bro. Terry in responding for the Charities referred to the Festival of his Institution in 1883, when Gen. Brownrigg presided with most satisfactory results. On that occasion two hundred and seventy-two Stewards supported the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, and the total contributed amounted to upwards of thirteen thousand pounds, of which amount £905 14s was taken up by twenty-two Surrey Stewards. Doubtless Surrey would be as loyal to their chief when he presided next May on behalf of the Girls as they were when he filled the same office for the Old People, and added to this he was now working for a popular Institution, so that it might reasonably be hoped the coming Festival would be a success. Other complimentary toasts were given and responded to in order, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in due form by the Tyler.

Amongst the many improvements we have recently had occasion to notice, in various parts of the metropolis, may be mentioned that at the "Salmon and Compasses," Penton street, Islington, which has now been converted into a really handsome and récherché tavern. The compartments have been subdivided, and fitted with screens of stained glass, with elaborate designs, setting out the title of the house. Every arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of the numerous patrons of this old establishment. We congratulate Bro. Hooper, who has just completed his extensive alterations, on the tranformation he has effected in the interior of the Salmon and Compasses.

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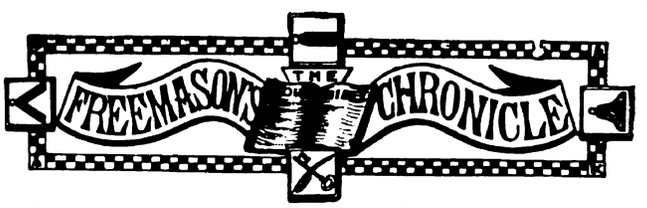

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter, for the transaction of the general business of the Province, and for the special purpose of consecrating a new Royal Arch Chapter, to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No 1560, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent the M.E. Comp. W. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., &c. The meeting was numerously attended, amongst those present being the following Officers and members of Provincial Grand Chapter:—Comps. G. Toller Prov. G.H., Rev. W. Langley as Prov. G.J., S. Partridge Prov. G.S.E., C. J. Wilkinson as Prov. G.S.N., R. Dalgleish Prov. G.P.S., G. T. Willan Prov. G.A.S., Rev. C. Henton Wood Prov. G. Reg., A. Balmforth Prov. G.S.B., J. Young Prov. G.D.C., W. A. Musson Prov. G. Org., R. Boughton-Smith P.P.G.A.S., T. Halliday P.Z. 779, A. P. Wood P.Z. 1130, M. J. Walker H. 1130, W. S. Black J. 1130, C. S. Preston H. 279, and J. Hassall J. 779. The Chapter having been duly opened, the Rolls of Chapters and P.G. Officers were called, the several Chapters being fully represented, and nearly every P.G. Officer at his post. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last general Convocation the ceremony of constitution and consecration of the new Chapter was proceeded with, at the commencement of which the Grand Superintendent, as Consecrating Officer, delivered the following address:—

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS,—We are met on this present occasion partly to conduct the ordinary business of Provincial Grand Chapter, but we have in addition been specially called together to consecrate the new Chapter of St. George, to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, an event of rare occurrence, inasmuch as only three new Chapters have been founded in the province during the present century. Two of these Chapters I had the honour of consecrating; whilst of the earliest of them, which was consecrated by that excellent Mason the late V.W. Bro. John Savage P.G.D., I was the M.E.Z. nominated in the Charter. As to the precise period when Royal Arch Masonry was first practised in Leicester, it seems difficult to decide, as in former days the old Atholl Lodges, like No. 91, formerly existing here, until after the Union in 1813, worked under their Warrants not only the Craft degrees, but also the Mark, Royal Arch, Templar and some other Orders. It was by this body of seceders, the so-called *Ancient* or Atholl Masons, that the Order of the holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem was first introduced. Dr. Oliver and some other writers (but probably erroneously) thinking it was formed by dividing the old Masters' grade into two parts. The first mention of the degree is in a printed work of 1741; it next appears in the Atholl records in 1752, and upon Lodge minutes at York in 1762. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England was constituted 22nd July 1767, under Lord Blaney, then Immediate Past Grand Master of the regular Grand Lodge of England; and to this body the present Supreme Grand Chapter of England owes its origin. By its authority Charters were granted and Provinces constituted. Leicestershire being so constituted as early, at least, as 1793, and having as its Grand Superintendent Thomas Boothby Parkyns, M.P. (afterwards Lord Rancliffe), also P.G. Master for the Province, and who, in 1802, was the

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Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter. It was not, however, until 20th April 1858 that a Grand Chapter was formed in the Province, under the authority of Earl Howe, Grand Superintendent, over which, as his Lordship's Deputy, I had the honour to preside, as I have since done, either in that capacity or as Grand Superintendent, at every Convocation. Although the Grand Chapter had amongst its leaders many noble and some Royal members of the Grand Lodge of England, it was never recognised by the Grand Lodge until the Union in 1813; and in like manner the Grand Chapter of Scotland is not recognised by the Grand Lodge of that country down to the present day. By this Grand Chapter was granted, under the number 102, the first Charter for a Royal Arch Chapter in this Province—that of the Chapter of Fortitude, attached to St. John's Lodge, which thus came into existence as early as 1796, being six years after St. John's Lodge was founded. The early minute book of this Chapter is unfortunately lost, but a number of particulars derived from old papers among the records of St. John's Lodge are printed in my little "History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire." We find that John Abbey was exalted in 1796—that "the expenses of a Royal Arch Chapter, held 6th April 1802, were defrayed out of the Craft Fund"—and that after the Union of 1813, under date 4th of December 1817, the designation was (for a time) changed to "United Chapters 102 and 114, George Inn;" and as the old Atholl Lodge Lodge No. 171 had ceased to make returns, its members, no doubt in like manner, became merged in St. John's Lodge. The original Warrant of the Chapter, like that of the Lodge, having been lost or destroyed some years previously, a Warrant of Confirmation was obtained from the Grand Chapter, dated 9th May 1821; and about the same time the furniture, &c. of the Chapter was purchased by subscription, headed by Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., who also presented the banners of the Principals, still in use. During half a century this was the only Chapter in the Province, when, in 1847, St. Augustine's Chapter was founded, in connection with the then recently established John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 766 (now 523), and so continued to the year 1856. At that time the brethren at Ashby being desirous of having a Chapter attached to their Lodge, whilst both the local Chapters were in anything but flourishing condition, the members being (in comparison with those of the two Lodges) few in number, it was decided for them to unite in working the old Chapter of Fortitude, whilst the Charter of St. Augustine's Chapter was annexed to the Lodge at Ashby de la Zouch. On 28th May 1869, the De Mowbray Chapter at Melton was consecrated, our worthy Companion Langley, to whom Masonry there and elsewhere in the Province owes much, being the first M.E.Z. And, finally, on the 14th January 1873, I had the pleasure, during the time I held the high office of P.G.M., as well as that I still retain of Grand Superintendent, of consecrating the Charnwood Chapter, No. 1007, Loughbourgh. From that day to the present, whilst several new Lodges have sprung into existence in our midst, all of which are in a highly flourishing condition, and whilst the dear old Chapter of Fortitude, the mother *Chapter* of most of us, has, I believe, closely approaching one hundred members, it is self evident that there is "ample room and verge enough" for the friendly and beneficial operations of at least one additional Royal Arch Chapter in Leicester. Under these circumstances, and with a view of giving a new impetus to Royal Arch Masonry amongst us, a Charter has been obtained for the new Chapter of St. George, No. 1560, which we are about to constitute in ancient form, and, mystically, to construct as a spiritual temple to the honour and glory of the Great I Am—and may the result prove that we may apply to it the words of the Masonic poet:—

"When orient Wisdom beam'd serene,
And pillar'd strength arose;
When Beauty tinged the glowing scene,
And Faith her mansion chose;
Exulting bands the fabric view'd;
Mysterious powers ador'd,
And high the triple union stood,
That gave the Mystic Word."

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. having stated the wishes of the Companions of the new Chapter, and having read the Petition and Warrant, and the other usual formalities being observed, the Consecrating Officer called upon E. Companion the Rev. C. Henton Wood Prov. Grand Reg. to deliver the Oration. Comp. Wood, after giving some interesting particulars as to the history of the several Royal Arch Chapters in this Province, and remarking upon the apparent want of interest shown in Royal Arch Masonry, proceeded as follows:—

"Why then is the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch in such a languishing condition, when the Mark Degree and other Masonic systems now worked in our midst are continually gaining accessions of strength, and, so far as one is able to judge, prospering exceedingly? A chief cause, no doubt, is novelty, to many minds the multifarious clothing, jewels and paraphernalia of these various Orders have a great attraction, and whereas a principal charm of Masonry is the consciousness of secret knowledge, which gives a sense of superiority over those who have it not, this feeling is intensified by the multiplicity of the degrees taken; and the young Mason is tempted to wander off the beaten track, in search of abstruse and complicated instruction, before he has acquired the genuine secrets of a M.M.; and the allurements of office lead him to seek employment outside his Lodge, sometimes before he has qualified himself for promotion within it. Another cause is the want of more instruction during a brother's novitiate. Are not degrees conferred in too quick succession? Is not the feeling growing that candidates have a sort of claim and right to the succeeding degrees at the earliest possible date allowed by the Constitutions? and do not many of our rising brethren, in consequence, claim *office*, as a right, whether qualified or not? If a candidate is told, within three months of his initiation, that having taken the third degree he has arrived at the summit of his profession, it he not apt to feel disappointment, and can we wonder that he should seek after novelty and try to quench his rising thirst for knowledge at every fresh fountain to which he can gain access, rather than rest content under the vine of his own Lodge and drink of his own cistern? A Craftsman may lawfully travel, as his ancient brethren did, from East to extremest West to seek out other Masters and learn new modes of work; but he should at least know how to indent on the Rough and try the Smooth before he sets out. So long as minute instruction in the three degrees is little attended to—so long as slovenly signs and tokens are tolerated, and the work of a Lodge restricted, by common consent, to the ceremonial conferring of Degrees, on the principle of "the more the merrier"—quality in candidates being held secondary to quantity—the Royal Arch being never so much as hinted at, it is to be feared that the Supreme Order will not command that place in the estimation of the brethren at large which its importance demands. Time is devoted to other Degrees which would perhaps be better spent in striving to attain to the 'climax of Freemasonry,' for the ritual is extensive and complicated, and can hardly be mastered on the few occasions set apart for the exercise of it. We have therefore to rely too much on other means of obtaining the requisite knowledge, the correctness of which is doubtful, and the Companion who does his best in that direction too often fails to satisfy either himself or his predecessor in office. But happily there are landmarks and limits, within which the aspirant cannot widely err. In ritual we are apt to attach too much importance to our own views of verbal accuracy, whereas the doctrine of *Limits*, which runs like a thread throughout the Craft degrees, appears to me as applicable to ritual as to morals. In the first place we have brought to our notice the two Grand Parallels between which, so long as a brother confines himself and marches steadily onward with the eye of Faith fixed on that Star of Hope which illuminates the immense vista, he cannot err. The point within the circle conveys the same idea. The landmarks bound his horizon; and whereas the limit of every circle is a rectangle contained by the radius, and half the circumference, the Mason standing in the centre can still discern the two great Parallels of the law of God and the Rules of the Craft. For if a material circle be divided into a large number of sectors, and these be arranged side by side, alternately point to base, it will be seen that they will be found to approximate to the rectangle above mentioned, and here I see the origin of the indented or tesselated border and the pattern of a Companions' badge. And the idea of two Grand Parallels is dominant in the Royal Arch itself. The "limit" of the curve called Catenary, is two parallel straight lines: for the two parts of a flexible cord suspended by its two ends, are (if very long in proportion to the distance between them) practically parallel to one another. In the Royal Arch we have impressed on our minds the strength and durability of a vault or dome constructed on the principle of the true Catenarian Arch, standing complete in itself without buttress or bond of any kind. Such an Arch stands self supported only when the curve from which it takes its name can be accurately traced between the limits of the outer and inner edge of its voussoirs. This again reminds me of the path of a stedfast Mason amid the landmarks of his Order, containing his words and very thoughts within the compass of propriety, and going on his humble way rejoicing in the light which God has shed around him. I have endeavoured to suggest the possible causes which prevent the Brethren at large from entering the Supreme Order and hinder them from pursuing it stedfastly. If I am right, these causes will not be removed by merely increasing the number of Chapters, but the lack of a centre of Instruction and a standard of comparison in our Province will be supplied to-day. The St. George's Chapter commences its career with every advantage; it possesses in its Principals, the Chiefs of the Order in this Province, three illustrious Companions, second to none in Masonic skill and extended experience. They will be, I understand, supported by a body of Companions selected for their approved conduct and zeal, and who will fulfil the expectations of the Founders by setting up for imitation such a standard of ritual and finished working as will instruct the minds and gladden the eyes of all who are privileged to behold it. May the G.A.O.T.U. prosper them one and all. May He direct and approve their work on earth, and finally exalt them in the Heavens.

The ceremony of constitution and consecration was then regularly proceeded with, according to the printed programme, and on its completion the three Principals designate, viz., M.E. Comp. W. Kelly G. Supt., George Toller Prov. G.H., and S. S. Partridge Prov. G.S.E., who had all previously filled the several chairs of a Royal Arch Chapter, were duly inducted into the chairs of first, second, and third Principals of St. George's Chapter, No. 1560. The other Officers of the Chapter were appointed and invested. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, for the admirable Oration delivered by him, and he and Comp. M. J. Walker were elected honorary members of the Chapter. St. George's Chapter was then closed, and the business of Provincial Grand Chapter resumed. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts having been received and passed, and some notices of motion disposed of, the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers, as follow:

Comp. G. Toller P.Z. 279...	...	H.
R. Boughton-Smith P.Z. 1007		J.
S. S. Partridge P.Z. 279	...	S.E.
Joseph Young P.Z. 279	...	S.N.
C. S. Preston H. 279	...	Registrar

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T. Halliday P.Z. 779	...	P.S.
A. P. Wood P.Z. 1130	...	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. Hassall H. 779	...	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. Tuckfield (elected)	...	Treasurer
G. Oliver J. 1007 ...	...	Sword Bearer
Edgar Taylor J. 279...	...	Standard Bearer
Miles J. Walker H. 1130	...	Director of Ceremonies
W. Stephen Black J. 1130	...	Assist. Director of Cer.
W. Vial H. 1007 ...	...	Organist
Dunn and Tanser ...	...	Janitors

A resolution was passed that the Grand Superintendent's address and the oration of Comp. the Rev. C. Henton Wood should be printed for distribution. Several apologies for absence having been read, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in due form. The musical arrangements of the consecration ceremony were most effectively carried out, under the able direction of Comp. T. A. Wykes P.P.G.O. In conclusion it should be added that the interest and gratification of the Companions were materially enhanced by the presence of their much-esteemed Chief, the veteran Comp. Kelly, who although far from having completely recovered from his long and serious indisposition, braved the effects of the present Arctic weather, and conducted the proceedings of the day with his usual marked ability and impressiveness.

GRAND HISTORIC MASONIC COLLECTION.

A GRAND historic collection of Masonic books, medals, manuscripts, engravings, prints, old aprons, &c., such as we venture to say has never been brought together before, has been on exhibition, to the members of the Craft, at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, during the past week. The exhibits, which are of surpassing interest, have been got together after an infinite amount of patient research by Bro. G. Taylor, of this town. A series of Masonic meetings have taken place at the Masonic Hall this week. A descriptive lecture on the contents of the collection referred to above was to have been given on Monday evening by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, Past Grand Deacon of England, the Masonic Historian. Unfortunately, owing to the death of a member of his family on Friday last, Bro. Hughan was prevented from fulfilling his engagement, and at the last moment, Bro. Taylor took upon himself to fill Bro. Hughan's place. After alluding to the sad event that prevented Bro. Hughan's attendance, and to the regret and disappointment that all the brethren must feel at his absence and the cause of it, Bro. Taylor said :—

It is a rather difficult task to know where to commence, and where to leave off, in a brief description of such a Collection as this; so large a number of its items affording material for separate lectures in themselves. It is but natural that a society so ancient as Freemasonry, which has undergone the changes and vicissitudes of ages, and yet to-day presents a firmer, powerful, and more prosperous front than ever, should afford a very wide field for study. Setting aside its strictly historical and archæological features, the whole system of its symbolism is so intimately interwoven with the thoughts and aspirations of the mind and soul as to make it boundless in its ramifications and applications.

It is to be regretted that more is not done in our Lodges to create a taste, or administer to the desire, for something of a more directly intellectual character than even the beauties of our ritual afford. Much may be done by Masters of Lodges, to invite attendance, and sustain interest by inviting essays on scientific subjects, as well as on those that Ancient and Modern Masonry presents, thus following more intimately the operative nature of the work in our ancient Lodges. It is most remarkable how few brethren there are who comprehend the extent of Masonic Literature and its attendant objects. It would surprise many to know that Kloss, whose work on Masonic Bibliography, published at Frankfort in 1844, and which lies before you, enumerates about 6000 volumes; it will ever remain a standard work. You will imagine how greatly this number would be increased if a complete list could be made, and that to date.

Bro. Taylor went on to describe the present as an effort to incite in the district this deeper study of all allied with the past and present of the Craft.

For some time before the Worcester Masonic Exhibition in August 1884, I had been paving the way, and that notable gathering gave the starting point for acquiring the bulk of what you see around. How much I have to thank the never ceasing kindness, the sacrificing efforts, and the great abilities of our Bro. Hughan (to whose regretable absence I have before alluded), I can never tell you, and you will never divine. So scarce are Masonic books and objects of worth, that instant action alone can secure when anything of note offers.

The knowledge of this tells me how wonderfully successful I have been in acquiring what is here. It has been a business of much labour, mixed with a good deal of pleasure.

Take for instance these two manuscripts.

We know the intense dislike Masons of the present day have to showing for perusal or publication anything in the shape of writing. "How much more then were they indisposed to retain any evidences in bygone days? In 1717 (according to Kenning's Cyclopædia) many old manuscripts were collected by request of Grand Master Payne, and in 1720 some foolish brethren are said, by Anderson, to have burnt several important MSS., especially one by Nicholas Stone."

These then are now of priceless value, being the actual Rolls that were read to initiates on their reception, long before our present Rituals were shaped. But upon this subject Bro. Hughan's paper, which I shall read to-morrow, has more to say.

Varying in detail, there is one in the British Museum, one in the Grand Lodge of England, one in the York Lodge, and one or two others, but no other Collection than this in the world possesses two.

This, the "Inigo Jones MSS.," dated 1607, has a frontispiece of Masons at work, drawn by that celebrated architect, who, Anderson states in his Constitutions of 1738, was Grand Master of the Craft in 1607. Bro. Gould, in his new History of Freemasonry, gives it a full description and many references, classing it amongst the most valuable of existing versions of our manuscript Constitutions.

This, the Wood MSS., takes its name from a Mr. Wood, from whom it was obtained, but who is unable to furnish any particulars of its history, beyond that the MS. had been in his possession for about 20 years. It is written on parchment, with partially illuminated letters here and there. It is entitled the "Constitution of Masonrye," newlye translated by J. Whitestones for John Sargensonne, 1610.

As it bears intimately on the subject under mention I may here say that Dr. Plot's History of Staffordshire, published in 1686, is in this library. It has a significant reference to persons of quality joining the Order, and mentions a scroll or parchment volume in use among the members. This attack on Freemasonry, by Dr. Plot, so early as 1686, is much referred to by Masonic writers.

These MSS. lead me to draw your attention to another prominent feature of the Collection, viz., the complete set of the Constitutions, the charges which are embodied in those of 1723 to 1784 being undoubtedly derived from these old MSS. or similar copies, now lost. Here we have the editions of 1723, 1738, 1756, 1767, the Appendix of 1776 (1769, which was unrecognised), 1784, 1815, 1819, with corrections, 1827, 1841, 1847, 1853, 1858, 1861, 1863, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1871, 1873, and lastly 1884. I am not aware how many complete sets, replete with frontispieces, &c., exist, but they must be very few indeed. As an incident in its collection, I may mention that the edition of 1723 I picked up at an old book store for 9s. I saw one priced the other day at fifteen guineas, and it is cheap at that.

Beyond these are the Constitutions of the Seceding Grand Lodge of England, calling themselves the "Ancients," or "Atholl Masons." These, published by aid of their Secretary, Laurence Dermott, and by Thomas Harper, is a series of Constitutions known by the name of Ahiman Rezon. This title is derived from three Hebrew words—Ahim, brothers—Mannh, to select—Ratzan, the will,—hence the combination reads "the will of selected brethren." Fortunately I possess the whole of these except 1787, which I have hitherto failed to obtain.

These two sets of Constitutions lead me to touch upon one subject mentioned for to-night's lecture had Bro. Hughan been present, viz., the "Grand Lodges of England."

There have been four separate Grand Lodges in England, the premier being (1) the *Grand Lodge of England*, formed in 1717 by the "Time Immemorial" London Lodges, consisting of four at least, but probably more.

(2) The so-called Grand Lodge of *all* England, started in 1725, by the old Lodge working there for many years before, of which minutes exist, dating before the *origin* of *Grand Lodges*.

(3) "The Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent," constituted at London by the York body in 1779, but collapsed in 1787, owing to the secessionists of the Lodge of Antiquity being received back again into that body.

(4) "The Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Institutions," formed in 1751, and known as the "Ancients."

The York Grand Lodge and its off-shoot died out, but the first and last mentioned, called Moderns and Ancients, both of London, continued as rivals until 1813, when they united and formed the present Grand Lodge of England.

A set of Royal Arch Regulations lacks two to make it complete, and the Mark Constitutions are, I believe, complete.

It has been my aim to make up sets of everything so far as I possibly could. Take Grand Lodge Reports, which, as you know, are issued quarterly. How many Lodges, think you, retain and treasure up these Proceedings of all that passes in Grand Lodge? I fear I am correct in saying hardly any Lodges in England. Those here date back to 1777; there are several missing between then and the Union in 1813. Since then to the present date I have all except December 1871, which I cannot obtain, proving how careless Lodges are in preserving what is regularly sent to each every three months.

I now turn to another important and similar section, viz., Lists of Lodges. Much more care and talent were exercised by our ancestors in publishing these guides to the name, location, date of meeting, and date of constitution than now, when we print in plain pocket-book style, and badly have we repaid our brethren for their ingenuity, for there is not a complete set in the Grand Lodge of England or elsewhere in the world. These lists were first issued in 1723. Here is an example of 1763 all on engraved plates, against each Lodge being a fac-simile of the sign of the hotel or inn where the Lodge met. These continued in this form until 1778. I have here 1763, 1766, 1770, 1776, and 1778; no private individual or library, save the Grand Lodge of England and Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, having more than one. After 1778 they assumed this printed calendar form, in which, with few exceptions, you have before you these from 1781 to 1814, when it was altered to this pocket-book style, with which you are familiar, and of which I lack a considerable number between 1815 and 1850.

Another set worthy of mention is nine vols. "Pocket Companions," dating from 1735 to 1764, the first-mentioned being of extreme rarity, the list of Lodges it contains giving a Lodge at Philadelphia, No. 79, which no other list mentions.

Of the famous "Illustrations of Masonry," by Wm. Preston, continued by Oliver, there is every one here except the first of 1772.

The earliest magazine on Masonry was published in 1793. I have persevered to make up a complete set of every Masonic periodical—quarterly, monthly, or weekly—which has appeared to the present date. In this I have succeeded, except the Freemasons' Magazine for 1798, the Freemason's Magazine for 1863, and from July to December 1865.

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Another very rare set, here complete, is "Cole's Constitutions," from 1728, engraved on copper plates.

Also, the whole of the works of Bro. W. J. Hughan, all editions of which were limited in number, and have become most difficult to procure.

I believe all the Histories of Freemasonry are here, and another special feature I have made is the collection of "Lodge Histories." These are here about fifty examples of zeal and research, which I trust all Lodges will follow. Works on the medals of the Fraternity are represented by Zacharias' Numismatica, Merzdorf's, Hedlinger's, and Marvin's publications.

A considerable number of French and German Masonic works on all subjects will be found in the Collection, but nothing foreign except that which is rare or of early dates.

Under the head of Rituals will be found a goodly number of old and rare caricatures and so-called exposures of Masonry, by Prichard, Briscoe, Wilson, and several anonymous writers, which I cannot refer to in this brief sketch, or to other curious old works, such as "Multa Paucis" of 1769, "Long Livers" of 1722, "Blue Blanket" of 1722, and others. The whole are catalogued and divided into 17 sections, viz.:

Almanacks, Calendars, and Lists of Lodges.
Bibliography.
Biographies.
Constitutions, Bye-laws, and Jurisprudence.
Cyclopædias.
Histories of Freemasonry, and Proceedings of Grand Lodges.
Lodge Histories.
Works on the Higher Degrees.
Magazines, Journals, and Periodicals.
Works on Medals, Numismatics, &c.
Polemic Works, for, about, or against Freemasonry.
Persecutions of Freemasonry.
Rituals, Manuals, and Handbooks.
Sermons, Addresses, and Orations.
Song Books and Ode Books.
Tales, Sketches, &c.
Various.

Ten volumes of the latter contain all the pamphlets, scraps, and miscellaneous matter of a hundred different Masonic subjects.

The library portion, I believe, contains about 600 volumes.

The china and pottery, with the quaint diversity of emblems they bear, I need not allude to.

The framed aprons you see on the walls are quaint specimens of a period when brethren were at liberty to wear any design they chose, and were not confined to a regulation pattern.

Three of the engravings are particularly worthy of mention!—The "Mock Procession" is an original engraving, the copies of 1771 lacking the quaint particulars of the artist's lodgings this bears. Clavel's "Histoire de la Pittoresque" you will find in the library gives a reduced copy, and states that only one original existed.

You will see by reference to the old Constitutions that it was the custom in the early times of Grand Lodge for the brethren to form in procession, and escort the Grand Master elect from his residence to the Freemasons' Hall. This mock procession was organised in 1741 to throw ridicule on the fraternity, and it led soon after to a discontinuance of Masonic processions in London.

The print of Count Cagliostro's exposure in the Lodge of Antiquity is also I believe rare. The particulars of the incident are related on the print. "Picart's" plate shows Pine's List of Lodges of 1734, copied in the arrangement you see.

Lambert de Lintot's allegorical engravings are also scarce. A large number of scarce and interesting prints and portraits will be found in the portfolios lying on the table, with the boxes containing a quantity of old and recent lodge summonses, certificates, &c.

Masonic seals and old Lodge seals have had attention in the impressions of wax you see on the walls, and I hope the collection of such may grow.

Before touching upon the question of medals, I must take this opportunity of referring to a generous gift by a well-known Masonic student and Lodge historian in Yorkshire, Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, of Bradford, to whom we are indebted for that framed sheet of old certificates; the rare engraved list of 1776; his history of the Airedale Lodge; the very scarce first edition of Browne's Master Key of 1798; History of the Minden Lodge, and the Musical Entertainer of 1737, a valuable work engraved by George Bickham jun., and dedicated to the Marquis of Carnarvon when Grand Master.

It will take me a far longer time than I have to attempt any exhaustive description of the four hundred Masonic medals you see. I have endeavoured, by aid of the cards set against each tray, to take note of special items.

You will be able to find the history and origin and description of all up to No. 150 in the catalogue in the centre of the room, but time has failed me to catalogue beyond there at present. A goodly number were unknown to writers on Masonic medals, but these you will be able to trace in Marvin's work on Masonic medals, which lies in the same place. Marvin's book was published in Boston in 1880, and has now become the standard work on Masonic medals. He there catalogues about 700 medals, about 60 of which he illustrates. Few persons are aware of this large number of Masonic medals existing outside the wide field of Lodge jewels and personal decorations.

Marvin says the largest cabinet then (1880) was that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mecklenberg at Rostock, which contained 324 specimens, the next in importance being the cabinets of the Lodges of Apollo and Minerva at Leipsic.

In America the Lodge Pythagoras, of Brooklyn, had a collection of about 200 specimens. In England there are no large collections save this, except one made by Bro. G. L. Stackles, of Hull.

It will be observed that most of them are of foreign origin, where the striking of medals by the Fraternity has been especially popular during the last 150 years. They have been struck chiefly in honour of some distinguished member of the Fraternity, or of some event or anniversary in connection with the Lodges and their members. By the aid of agents in the principal cities of the Continent and advertising I have been fortunate in obtaining many rare and unique specimens.

The fifteen silver medals, Nos. 46 to 60, were obtained under peculiar circumstances. My efforts to obtain the Swedish medals resulted in acquiring two only. An acquaintance with the chief engraver at the Royal Mint, Stockholm, enabled me to advance my wishes. She (Madame Lea Ahlborn) is the daughter of Lungren, the famous Swedish engraver, and doubtless the only lady engraver of dies of any note ever known. She kindly proffered to wait upon the King of Sweden, and state my object, with the view of obtaining his Majesty's assent to her using the old and new dies lying in the Royal mint, for the purpose of supplying me with impressions.

King Oscar graciously complied, and the result you have before you.

Many of the earliest medals known are in this collection. The whole are classed as follows:

England 117, Germany 52, France 106, Holland 20, Belgium 20, Sweden 17, Denmark 1, Moldavia 1, Italy 4, America 52.

Bro. Taylor then went on to describe all the most rare of the medals exhibited, something like 400 in number, their history and origin, but it would be impossible to do justice to this interesting account without more space than we have at command, and the difficulty of description without the medals themselves. We can only congratulate all those who had the privilege of listening to this interesting and instructive lecture, and also the Masons of the Province of Worcestershire, on the opportunity they have of acquiring so splendid and unique a collection at so small a cost. Bro. Taylor has collected it for a specific purpose, and desires to place it at the disposal of the Province at prime cost. It would indeed be a thousand pities to see such a collection, made at the expense of so much care and labour and private influence, again dispersed.

A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Taylor, closed Monday's proceedings.

On Tuesday night, Bro. Hughan had supplied Bro. Taylor with a lecture in MSS., the subject of which was "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Masonry." The lecture was read before a most appreciative audience, several of whom expressed the pleasure and instruction they had derived from such a graphic and lucid explanation of the subject.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hughan for his kindness in promising to visit Kidderminster, and under so severe a family affliction providing for his enforced absence so well. It was coupled with an expression of sincere sympathy in the loss he had sustained.

A vote of thanks was again accorded to Bro. Taylor, who promised, at the request of the brethren, to allow the collection to remain on view for the remainder of the week.

THE BALL.

A BALL, under the patronage of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P.' and members of the Province of Worcester, and under the auspices of "Hope and Charity" and "Lechmere" Lodges, took place in the Town Hall, Kidderminster, on Wednesday, 3rd inst. The walls of the room were draped around with red baize to the windows, and the gallery was partitioned off and the space underneath formed into two drawing rooms. The orchestra was decorated with shrubs and flowers. The following is a list of those present:—Bro. A. F. Godson Deputy-Prov. Grand Master; the Mayor and Mayoress of Durham and party, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgnorth and party, the Mayor of Kidderminster and party, Bro. G. W. Grosvenor P.P.G.W. and D.L., Mrs. Grosvenor and party, Bro. and Miss Awdry and Miss Thring, Bro. and Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Barcher, Mr. Clifford Batten, Miss Blagbrough, Bro. Broomhall P.G.S.W., Miss Broomhall, Miss Mary Broomhall, Mr. E. A. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Browett, Bro. C. E. Bloomer, Mr. A. Cookson, Bro. and Mrs. Comber, Bro. J. H. Cooksey W.M. 1621, Bridgnorth, and Miss Cooksey, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chambers and Miss Chambers, Dr. Colbourne, Mr. A. Crabtree, Bro. J. Crabtree, Mr. Emerson, Mrs. R. H. Evans, Mr. Eck, Mr. Fearneley, Bro. G. R. Green, Mr. Z. Green, Mrs. Green, Miss Green, Bro. and the Misses Hadley, Mr. A. and Miss L. Hopkins, Mr. Hodges, Mr. and the Misses Hampton, Mr. Hill, Mr. A. J. and the Misses Inston, Miss Kibble, Bro. G. Lees W.M. 560 Stourport, Bro. Mackay P.G.S., Mrs. Mackay, Miss Mackay, and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. E. J. and Mrs. Morton and party, Dr. Macqueen, Bro. Mossop W.M. 1874 Kidderminster, Mrs. Mossop and Miss Mossop, Miss Owen, Mr. R. Pierce, Mrs. and the Misses Potter, Bro. Perry W.M. 564 Stourbridge, and Mrs. Perry, Bro. Pigot Past G.S.E., Mr. F. Perrin, Bro. Harvey Preen W.M. 377 Kidderminster, and Mrs. Preen and Miss Edith Parry, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and the Misses Stone, Mr. Ernest Stretton, Mr. E. A. Stretton, Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Smith and party, Bro. E. and Mrs. Smith, Bro. W. H. Talbot P.G.S., Mrs. Talbot, Miss Adela Talbot, Mr. E. Talbot, Bro. G. Taylor P.G. Sec., Mrs. Taylor, and Miss Banks, Bro. H. Taylor P.G.S., Bro. and Miss Vale and Miss Lane, Dr. Waddell, Brother W. B. Williamson, Mr. A. H. Wilson, Brother and Mrs. Westcott, Dr. Webster. Mr. Gilmer's famous band was present, and dancing commenced at half-past eight and was kept up with spirit until half-past two. Refreshments were provided at a buffet, presided over by Mrs. Lane, in the Corn Exchange. At the supper, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Godson, gave the Queen and the Craft. After supper by request of D.P.G.M., Bro. Harvey Preen, W.M. of the Hope and Charity Lodge, 377, Kidderminster, gave the ancient Tyler's toast—"To all poor and distressed Masons, wherever dispersed o'er land and sea, a speedy return to their native country, if e they desire and deserve it." We had nearly forgotten to mention that Bro. Awdry, as Master of Ceremonies, discharged the duties that devolved upon him with all that tact and ability which distinguishes everything he undertakes.—*Kidderminster Sun.*

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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 MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
1988—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1433—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th 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).
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1150—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1436—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, 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.)
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.

R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1569—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
254—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
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
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 16th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
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)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, 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)
1430—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)
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1946—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
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)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great WesternHotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1069—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
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden

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. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH.

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. (Instructional)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (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. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Strathope Street, Regents Park, (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, 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, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, 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, 510 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst).
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)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough

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221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
438—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Bursiem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
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1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1693—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
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THURSDAY, 18th MARCH.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
22—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, 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)
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.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burpett 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)
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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, 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.
1636—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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. 743—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
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Bursiem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
209—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
258—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, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
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
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1290—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
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 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, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In).
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)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
K.T. 49—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
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
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
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1031—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 21—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hall
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 20th MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Grand Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 351—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE usual half-yearly election of pupils to this Institution will take place on Saturday, the 10th April, on which occasion twenty-three vacancies will be filled from a list of thirty-six approved candidates. Twenty-one of these candidates now appear for the first time, and of the remainder fourteen have made one previous application, while the other, Lilian Frances Wells, has taken part in each of the last two elections. Four of the candidates now make their last appeal, the limit in regard to age rendering them ineligible if they are not successful at the next contest. Of these, No. 2, Mathilde Pratt, brings forward 211 votes from October last. She is one of five children dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in March 1884. The father was a member of St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, Suffolk, and Star in the East Lodge, No. 650, Essex, so that his family have good fields from which to look for help in their hour of need. We trust that sufficient support may be secured from these two Provinces to render the case secure, ere it be too late. No. 5, *Ethel* Kirkman, an only child dependent on her widowed mother, secured 263 votes in October, a number which, we need hardly mention, will have to be very considerably increased next month if the child is to become a pupil at the Institution. Her father was a member of Union Lodge, No. 38, Sussex, and died in 1882, after a Masonic membership of seven and a half years. Both the other last applications are new to the present list, and are thereon numbered 25 and 26 respectively. No. 25, Amy Dalton Cutbush, is the daughter of a brother who was well known in connection with the Masonic institutions, was at all times a warm advocate on their behalf, and one who supported them to the best of his ability. He died in August of last year, and there are now five members of his family dependent upon his widow. We hope that the application now being made on behalf of his daughter Amy may result in her election to the Girls' School on the 10th. No. 26, Edith Mary Hood, and the members of her family appear to be very similarly circumstanced, for in her case there are also five children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was a member of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, Leicestershire, and remained a subscriber of his Lodge until the time of his decease, which occurred in July last. The case is the only one from the Masonic province of Leicestershire and Rutland, and will, we hope, receive the support of the brethren of that district to such an extent as may be necessary to secure the child's election on this her first and last application.

Neither parent living is recorded in four cases; while in three others the children, and the families of which they are members, are now dependent on step-mothers. Of the former, No. 15, Ettie Louise Chapman, appears to stand a very good chance of being admitted at the next election, for 1072 votes were polled on her behalf in October, in addition to which she comes from a Province—Devonshire—which seldom fails with any case its representatives regularly adopt, and we presume this case has been adopted, or it would not have been so well supported at the election last October; she is an only dependent child, daughter of an old member of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159. No. 14, Flora Richardson, one of four parentless children, brings forward 413 votes, but we trust that number will be very materially increased ere the poll closes next month. Her father was a P.M. and a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Essex, and the case of his child will, we are convinced, receive such support as the brethren of that district can give. The Essex brethren are proverbial for the sincere way in which they carry out their Masonic obligations, especially in the matter of affording relief whenever it lies in their power to do so. No. 27, Lilian Maud Arrowsmith, is one of four now dependent on their relations; she has a brother in the Boys' School, but in the case of parentless children this should hardly be considered as lessening the claims of a sister for the benefits of the Girls' Institution, especially when, as in this case, there are still so many to be provided for. Her father was S.W. of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, at the time of his death (in June 1882), and in that capacity doubtless made many friends, who, it is to be hoped, will combine and give to his daughter similar benefits to those which have been secured for his son. No 28, Martha Paulina C. Steng, is one of three dependent children. Her father was a member of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790 (London), until the time of his death in October last, and had risen to the office of Inner Guard therein. We hope the members of his Lodge and their friends may be able to command sufficient votes to secure this parentless child's early election. No. 3, Eleanor Phillips, one of five children dependent on a step-mother, comes forward for the second time, but has not yet had any votes polled on her behalf. Her father was a member of St. George's Lodge, 431, Northumberland. Perhaps the friends of the candidate were husbanding their strength last time, so as to make an especially good show at this election. No. 7, Mary Ann Dickinson, one of three children dependent on their step-mother, fared much better in October, for 1255 votes were then polled on her behalf. The father was a member of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, up to the time of his decease, which occurred in March 1884. No. 9, Edith May Walmsley, made a good—though not equally good—fight at the last election, her total of votes recorded on that occasion being 783. Doubtless this number will have to be repeated to give the candidate even a hope of being secure; but from such Lodges as the Whittington, No. 862, and the Stuart, No. 1632, of which the father was P.M. and Treasurer, this should present no very serious difficulty.

Twenty-one of the remaining candidates have each lost their father, and the other four have both parents living. No. 36, Violet Annie W. Bell, and eight other children are dependent on the widow of a brother initiated in the Walden Lodge, No. 1280, who became a joining member of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, in which latter he rose to the dignity of W.M elect. The case is new to the present list, and, so far as we are able to judge, appears one of the most deserving on it. No. 1, Lilian Frances Wells, is one of seven fatherless children, and comes forward with a total of 1,187 votes as the result of the two elections in which she has taken a part. Her father was an initiate of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, London. No. 21, Eleanor Julia Sutton, and No. 34, Louise Ethel Sanders, are also members of families in which there are seven children dependent on a widowed mother. They are both new applications, the former from Hants and the Isle of Wight, and the latter from London. Bro. Sutton was initiated in the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, and Bro. Sanders in the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, of

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which he was a Past Master. No. 4, Isabel Davies Knight, one of six fatherless children, secured 177 votes last October. Her father was a member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 551 (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight), and filled the office of Senior Deacon therein. No. 8, Gertrude Emma Wardroper, is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother, and has already had 103 votes polled on her behalf. Her father was an initiate and a Past Master of the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044. No. 10, Isabelle May Pinder is, as we said when writing of the case in September last, particularly deserving, and we still feel that some special action might have been taken in her case to allow of her admission without election. The facts of the case are, that a sister of the present applicant was duly put forward as a candidate, and was ultimately elected, but in the interval between election and admission to the Institution she died. We think the present candidate might be accepted by the subscribers in her place. There are four members of the family dependent on the widowed mother, and, so far, three votes have been recorded on behalf of the present applicant. Her father was a member of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, West Yorkshire, and filled the office of S.W. therein. No. 16, Constance Murfin; No. 17, Florence Bulmer; and No. 24, Lillian Gertrude S. Rawlings, three new cases, are each members of families in which there are four dependent children. The father of Murfin was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, London; of Bulmer, in the Three Grand Principles Lodge No. 208, West Yorkshire; and of Rawlings, in the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, London, of which he was Worshipful Master. There are eight candidates where the number of children dependent on the mother is three, and of these Nos. 11, 12 and 13 have each made one previous application. No. 11, Eva Marian Lillywhite, daughter of an Officer of Hants and Isle of Wight, brings forward 107 votes; No. 12, Lilian Woods, daughter of a brother of the Adams Lodge, No. 158, Kent, has 36; and No. 13, Emily Mary Fulford, daughter of a brother initiated in the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London, has 75. Lillywhite (No. 11) has a brother in the Boys' School. The other candidates in this section are first application cases, and are as follow:—No. 22, Mary Hayten Glass (father initiated in Zetland Lodge, No. 525, Hong Kong); No. 30, Mary Rhydero Woodman (St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, South Wales, West Division); No. 31, Fanny Alice Smith (All Souls Lodge, No. 170, Dorsetshire); No. 33, Maggie Jane Addenbrooke (Stability Lodge, No. 564, Worcestershire); and No. 35, Louisa Delina Hardey (Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 1003, Jersey). The last named candidate has a brother in the Boys' School. No. 19, Margaret Winifred Turner, and No. 23, Julia Elizabeth Clark, are each members of families where two children are dependent. The father of the former was initiated in the City of London Lodge, No. 901, and of the latter in the Stability Lodge, No. 217, both of London. No. 22, Aline Mary Norman, is an only child dependent on her mother; her father was initiated in the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, North and East Yorkshire, and afterwards joined the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Durham, where he rose to the dignity of Worshipful Master.

Both parents are living in each of the remaining cases. No. 6, Grace Ellen M. Barnard, has 712 votes to her credit; she and three other children are dependent, and no doubt there is good reason why they should be helped, but the subscribers can gather no information on this point from the ballot paper. No. 18, Edith Lilian Proudfoot, is one of three dependent children; No. 20, Alice Flora Cook, one of four, of whom two only are partially provided for; and No. 32, Winifred Cleveland Hyde, one of four dependent. In each of these cases both parents are living, but we are without any details as to their position.

Taking the list of candidates and the number of vacancies that are available, we can but congratulate the Craft on the position of the Institution, and the candidates on the chances of success they each enjoy. Twenty-three to be elected from a list of thirty-six candidates is a state of affairs which will compare most favourably with many of the elections of the past, when the figures were much more out of proportion. The Institution is deserving of the heartiest support, and while it can offer such benefits to those who are in distress as will be tendered on the 10th of next month, there is no fear of it being neglected by the English Masonic body.

MASONIC TRIPLES.

Part II.—The Building.

WHATEVER model another may take for his symbol of moral character, the Masonic student is confined to the Temple of Solomon. The distinguishing characteristics of that edifice, therefore, become important. It is assumed at the outset that to be in harmony with the ritual this character must be first pure, then peaceable, and of good report. Referring to history we find so much emphasis was laid by the Almighty upon the central virtue of this triple, peace, that it was denied David to build the house of the Lord because he had been a man of war from his youth. To his son was accorded the privilege denied the father. Had David been allowed to build the Temple no doubt Hebrews alone would have been the workmen, but under Solomon the heathen even were allowed an important place. Masonry recognizes this important fact in the first three Officers of every Lodge, representing Solomon King of Israel, Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram Abif of the tribe of Naphtali. The first represented the chosen people, pure and simple; the second the heathen world, entirely without the pale; while the third of our three Ancient Grand Masters was of mixed blood, his father being a Tyrian but his mother was a Danite who lived in Naphtali. The symbolism therefore of the first three offices of every Lodge is the universality of Masonry and a true type of the Christian brotherhood of man. The Light was to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Israel. Change the triple foundation of the preceding article and this symbolism is false.

The plan of the temple bears the impress of the triple nature of its builders. It partook of the symmetrical Jewish characteristics, but the plan was evidently Egyptian, ornamented and beautified with Tyrian ideas of architecture. The result of these combinations was a building unlike any modern or other edifice, unlike in many respects even the Temple of Herod, which a great biblical scholar has said must be carefully distinguished from it. This being the historic fact, the Egyptian impress of a power sufficient to dictate the form of the temple, the threefold Deity of the Egyptians must have admirably harmonized with the Eternal God of the Ancient Constitutions of Masonry. The threefolds extended further. The stones were quarried in three places: partly in Lebanon, partly in Bethlehem, and partly from the temple rock, the name of which is "Royal Caverns." The Masonic corollary is the introduction, obligation, instruction of the neophyte, and the reward of faithful labour, emblematically represented by peace, unity, plenty; corn, wine and oil.

The novelty pertaining to the temple was the porch or third apartment. In it stood the historic pillars, and in it was to assemble the great congregation. This was built partly of cedar and partly of stone. Here was retained a relic of the ancient sanctuary attached to trees—a union of the Canaanite and patriarchal feeling—in the large walled quadrangle upon which the porch opened. Wide-spreading cedars, stately palms, venerable olives, shaded the place. This triple shade suggests the lair of the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah:" "In Salem is His leafy covert, and His rocky den in Zion." This naturally leads the Masonic student to reflect upon the situation of the Lodge, and the high hills and low dales where it was the ancient custom of the Fraternity to assemble for labour. The three species of trees also suggest the three orders of architecture, of which it is said, that of the five recognized but three show invention and particular character, and essentially differ from each other.

The temple was surrounded by a triple story of chambers, each of which was five cubits high, so that there remained above ample space for introducing the windows, somewhat in the manner of a clerestory to the sanctuary. There was a triple peculiarity about the walls of these chambers. They differed in width, and this arose from the circumstance that the external walls of the temple were so thick that they were made to recede one cubit after an elevation of five, so that the scarcement in the wall gave a firm support to the beams which supported the second story, without being inserted into the wall of the sanctuary; this insertion being avoided perhaps not merely for architectural reasons, but also because it appeared to be irreverent. The third story was supported likewise by a similar scarcement, which afforded a still wider space for the chamber of the third story. In the light of this description

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the Bible account becomes intelligible. The temple when completed was impregnable as a fortress, in location and structure, impossible to be subdued by any then known arts of war. Masonically the three chambers may rationally refer to the three places of Lodge meetings; to the three orders of craftsmen; to the plumb, square, and level. Masons meet upon the level, act by the plumb, and part upon the square, if true to the plain teachings of the Institution. The number five, referring to the height, suggests the five senses of human nature, three of which must be possessed in order to become a Mason. The impregnable character of the temple in its symbolism of the history of Masonry has not received the attention which is its due. "No institution was ever reared upon a more solid foundation," says the Worshipful Master to the candidate, and no human society has ever withstood the vicissitudes and persecutions this has undergone, "Yet Freemasonry still survives." The three jewels of a Fellow Craft are not destroyed. The attentive ear still receives the sound from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of Masonry are safely Lodged in the repository of faithful breasts. The triple walls of the temple chambers also suggest the truth of the Masonic declaration that during its construction there was not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or tool of iron. If Masonry owes a debt to Christianity for the light of a complete revelation, the obligation rests not entirely upon the human side. The temple, indeed, was destroyed, but the foundation remains. The divine institution of the church owes Masonry a debt of gratitude as well. Says a good authority: "Masonry is not a religious institution, its object being to promote and cherish the personal and social virtues of its members, rather than to maintain and defend the Word of God and the peace of His Church. If, however, we may believe its traditional cabala, it has been the means of preserving the sacred records from utter destruction; and should some unexpected calamity occur in the future to destroy the Sacred Writings, there is enough taught, amid the sublime traditions of this ancient Fraternity, to avail in leading the sinner back, not only to the knowledge of his duty, but also to faith in his Saviour, and hope in the glorious resurrection of the body, and the blissful immortality of the soul. The clearness with which the sacred truths of the Bible are set forth and illustrated has made this Institution exceedingly obnoxious to the Church of Rome; and the application of the level to all ranks of society has made it no less so to the political despots of Europe."

The three windows of the temple proper again suggest light, not alone of themselves however, because it should be observed that the openings were for the purpose of ventilation, since the light within the temple was furnished by the sacred candlesticks. Light is not only threefold, but it may be resolved into the seven prismatic colours of the rainbow. The Church has alway regarded these rays as a symbol of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost, who is the Lord and giver of life. Beautifully apposite here are the words of a brother, whose MS. we use by permission: "If we believe in God we must believe in Him as He is. He dwelleth in light unapproachable, into which a man cannot enter. In the plain language of Scripture, 'Who only had immortality dwelling in the light, which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen nor can see, to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.'" The manner in which the light filled the temple, the Spirit of God being the sole light of the Most Holy Place, amply fulfills the parallel. The excerpt continues: "Now as we stand upon the mosaic pavement, emblematical of human life, checkered with good and evil, the beautiful border which surrounds it shows manifold blessings and comforts which surround us, and which we hope to enjoy by a faithful reliance upon Divine Providence, which is hieroglyphically represented by the blazing star in the centre, and so standing declare our need of light, what is it but that we declare our need of God, for without him we can do no good thing?" The seven rays also suggest the seven liberal arts and sciences, the monitorial signification of which is known to every well informed brother.

The "gates" of the temple were three in number, and, according to some authorities, divided the walls into three equal parts or portions. There were also three entrances to the the temple. The entry to the outer court was called the first, that into the inner court the second, and the door of the sanctuary the third. The tenets of a Mason thus symbolized are three in number: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and these comprehend the whole religion of humanity. No people of the old, old world, if we may believe history, were ever able to grasp the idea of the universal brotherhood of man. It was left to the Christian dispensation to foster a society which became the Operative Masonry of our fathers.

The dedication of the completed temple was watched by three lines of guards. These may not improperly be treated as referring to the threefold guard at the door of the preparation room, so that no unworthy candidate may approach the Masonic temple. The three questions asked before entrance are much more important than is ordinarily supposed. It is rank perjury to answer them in the affirmative when the heart is not prepared to honestly receive and act out the spirit of the moral temple. To declare that voluntarily and without mercenary motives he has come to solicit the light and privileges of Masonry, and at the same time act the part of a hypocrite, knowing full well that selfishness and not the "sincere wish to be serviceable to your fellow creatures" is the motive, how great is the responsibility of him who approaches unworthily?

The symbolism of history in its connection with the dedication of the temple and Masonry is important. The editors of the encyclopædia referred to last week say: "A more accurate knowledge of its own singular and not undignified history would tend more than anything else to give worth and elevation to its aims." We accept the challenge so far as the symbolism and the voice of our triples are concerned. We have already alluded to the silence amid which the stately edifice arose, not distinguished so much by its magnitude as by its good architectural proportions, beauty of workmanship, and costliness of materials. In order to reconcile the spirit of the new architecture as nearly as was possible with the old law, the stones were hewn in the quarries, and placed with reverent silence one upon another, without sound of axe or hammer, as if by the gradual growth of nature. Masonry in like manner is scattering her gentle influences for good, quietly, unobtrusively and within the tyled recesses of her Lodge rooms. The spiritual stones may not, indeed, in all cases be the white stones which Josephus informs us was the colour of the temple material, but such as they are, the rough ashlars, made as nearly perfect as possible, we present to the tender mercies of a covenanted God. The element of secrecy is the element of strength. The ornamentation of the temple is reserved for another chapter, hence, in what follows, we omit descriptions usually mentioned in this connection.

Three things are noticeable of the dedication. (1) The whole population came up from the remotest extremities of the empire. This again signifies that Masonry may reasonably count as legitimate worshippers at its shrine the people of all races and climes. No questions were asked as to particular beliefs. The whole people came up to the dedication. All, therefore, have the privilege, if they so desire, of building upon a solid foundation a Masonic edifice of moral character. (2) Two solemnities were joined, and two processions advanced from different quarters. One came from the lofty height of Gibeon, bearing the relics of the old worship, now to be disused for ever. The tabernacle, with its worn and patched covering, and containing the furniture of a portion of the ceremonial worship, including the sevenfold candlestick, must have presented an appearance not easily forgotten. The wanderings were over. The Ark of the Lord was now to have a permanent resting place, and the glory of the old was merged in the magnificence and perfection of the new. Masonry has experienced this change. The long procession of Operative brethren, with their working tools, might well pass in review here before the mind's eye. The tabernacle rested in places which will be known and located so long as the earth shall endure. The cathedrals and temples of the old world are lasting monuments to the memories of Operative Masons, whose system is now disused and probably for ever as a special craft. But another procession appeared at the dedicatory ceremonies. It was still more stately, and joined the first on Mount Zion. It bore but one relic, the one thing which was to unite the old and the new together. Says one historian: "From its temporary halting place under the tent erected by David on Mount Moriah, came forth the Ark of acacia wood, covered with its two small winged figures, supported as of old by the Levites on their shoulders. Now, as before, when it had removed from the house of Obed-edom, the king and people celebrated its propitious start

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by sacrifices (but on a far greater scale), 'sheep and oxen that could not be numbered for multitude.' The road (such was the traditional picture preserved by Josephus) was flooded with the streams of blood. The air was darkened and scented with the clouds of incense; the songs and dances were unintermitted." Speculative Masonry is to its predecessor (Operative Masonry) what the latter procession was to the former. The Masonic Word is fittingly an emblem of the Ark. The law of sacrifice typified by the bloodshed, is that which is the rule of every Mason who honestly believes the "five points of fellowship," and acts out, therefore, the part of the manhood of the Bible. "The greatest and best of men, in all ages, have been encouragers of the art, and have never deemed it derogatory to their dignity to level themselves with the Fraternity, extend their privileges and patronise their assemblies." Onward the processions moved; united in one it entered, doubtless, the eastern gate. It ascended court after court. It entered the Holy Place. Less than two centuries ago the brethren assembled to determine what the future of Masonic brotherhood should be. At that meeting were crystallised into one harmonious whole the various charges of the Craft and its legendary lore. The Ancient Constitutions is the voice of that assembly, and every Worshipful Master is obligated: "You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry. The Masonic Ark is safely anchored, and the study of the tenets of the Craft becomes the highest pursuit of the student. The Ark was sacredly and reverently placed within the innermost recesses, so the Masonic mystery is as faithfully guarded within the heart of the brother. (3) Three orders of men assisted at the dedication—the king, the priests, and the people. The Masonic student will have no difficulty in placing the emblematical truth of the three orders of craftsmen and the duties enjoined upon the three principal officers of the Lodge (with the Worshipful Master in the East), representing Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

We next consider: What is the voice of Masonic triples upon the ornamentation of the temple?—*Voice of Masonry.*

ADVANCEMENT IN MASONRY.

SOME things advance fastest when they appear to stand still. According to astronomers, our globe is moving rapidly through space, and at the same time revolving rapidly on its own axis; while to each of us it appears the most steady globe imaginable, and actually immovable. The reason why it appears so steady is, that it moves in accordance with law. So Masonry moves, and the result is that it seems never to be moving at all. All the changes in its past history were well-nigh imperceptible. From being builders of material temples to becoming builders of spiritual temples, Freemasons glided along without a jar or a discord. Men who were *not* operative Masons were gradually admitted, until finally they outnumbered the operatives, and the Craft no longer was distinguished by wielding the Plumb, the Level and the Square, the Twenty-four inch Gauge and the Gavel, as implements of labour, but came to use them as symbols only, for more noble and glorious purposes than they were used by their famous progenitors. This advancement was actual, and yet it was scarcely noticeable, and it resulted in the highest advantage to the Fraternity. As the immaterial or spiritual is higher than the material or natural, so is speculative Masonry higher than operative Masonry.

The initiate, early in his career, learns that there is possible advancement for him in Masonry. Once, in the history of the Craft, the majority of its members were either Apprentices or Fellows, and but few were Master Masons; now all may speedily, sometimes too speedily, become Master Masons. In a month's time the newly-initiated Brother finds that he can be "advanced;" and in another month's time "further advanced." In six month's time (in Pennsylvania) he can be "still further advanced," by being received into the Chapter, and there learning what, one hundred and fifty years ago, he might have learned in the Lodge, but which, since the excision and relegation of a part of the mysteries of the Lodge to the Chapter, he must seek now in the Chapter. Such advancement of a Brother in Freemasonry is apparent, it is objective and tangible; and yet is it always in truth real advancement? Or is it only formal? Forms and ceremonies are necessary to constitute advancement, but if they be empty forms to the initiate, he is not advanced a jot. He must learn the substance under these forms, he must comprehend their meaning; he must look through the sign and see the thing signified. This brings us to the consideration of what is, after all, the real gist of advancement in Freemasonry.

All the forms and ceremonies of Masonry are shells, every one covering a kernel. This kernel is always some vital truth, practical truth, interesting truth, Masonic truth. It is what Masonry exists for, what it teaches, what has kept it alive through the centuries. Hollow forms could not keep it alive a year. Indeed, no single feature of its wonderful composite could ensure its perpetuity. It is a beautiful *system*, of morality, of instruction, of entertainment, all combined. Suppose a Brother "goes it strong" on its morality alone, or its instructive features alone, or its conviviality alone—he is rightly judged to be one-sided, cranky, not appreciating the fulness of Masonry. He advances backward. He gives up the whole, and accepts a part. All of us may value some one feature more than another—that is, some one of these may minister to us more benefit or pleasure than another but we do not ignore the rest. The young Brother, and some who are older, never advance far in Masonry because they mistakenly think that they see through it at the beginning. You can *never* see through it. Its capacity to instruct and delight the thinking mind is endless. You cannot outgrow it. So long as you *reflect* upon what you see enacted in the Lodge, Chapter or Commandery; so long as you study, with the aids which literature gives you, the hidden meaning of all Masonic forms and ceremonies; so long as you "further advance" in the knowledge of what Masonry was and is; so long as you delve in the mines of learning which the cultured Brethren of past and present times have opened, and rendered so accessible, and so enjoyable, so long you will not only continue to appreciate the Masonry that you already know, but you may add to your knowledge, year by year, and thus be treasuring up a constantly increasing store of information, which will be a perpetual source of delight and instruction, until time shall be no more. Practically there is thus no limit to advancement in Masonry.

The brethren who have undertaken Stewardships for the Ninety-Eighth Anniversary Festival of the R.M. Institution for Girls met at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last, when Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Surrey, occupied the chair. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London was elected President of the Board of Stewards, with the following brethren as Acting Presidents:—Bros. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Surrey; Captain George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., Vice-President, &c.; and Charles Belton, F.R.G.S., P.P.G.D. Surrey; Vice-Patron. Bro. John L. Mather was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, Vice-Patron, was elected Chairman of the Ladies Stewards; with Bro. F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary of the Institution) Hon. Secretary. The usual Steward's fee of £2 2s was agreed to. The Festival will be held at Freemasons' Tavern.

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MACDONALD LODGE, No. 104.

THE quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly muster, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Johnston. He was supported by Bros. J. Mainwaring S.W., W. H. Bates S.O., F. B. Scott J.O., A. Williams P.M., G. Yaxley P.M., W. C. Hall P.M., G. W. Verry Secretary, J. Baker Chaplain, J. Church S.D., A. F. Church J.D., Thomas Tyler, Bros. A. Mead, H. Burradale, J. P. Leillard, W. A. Nelson, E. Moss and others. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient formalities, and the minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, several brethren were advanced, the working being all that could be desired. Among the visitors present were Bros. Galler P.M. 205, C. F. Matier P.G.W., R.M. G. Master's Lodge, W. T. Hunt R.M. 322, E. Hoare Grand Organist, &c. Business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren partook of supper together. The customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with some capital songs and recitations.

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THE HOLBORN RESTAURANT.

"WHERE to dine?" is a query that is capable of being answered in a great variety of ways; but where to obtain a truly excellent meal, at reasonable tariff, and with the surroundings of luxury and refinement, is a discovery which experience only can point out. Nobody knows better than the City man the places where *not* to dine—the stuffy coffee-house, wherein the discomfort of a badly-cooked dinner is served on table-cloths of dingy hue, amidst the evil smelling atmosphere of a shabbily-furnished dining-room. These old-fashioned shanties are rapidly disappearing before the march of improvement and the altered habits and customs of men whose avocations necessitate their partaking of the mid-day or evening meal at a restaurant. Brighter and more commodious saloons are taking the place of the low-roofed coffee shops, whose high backed seats and cramped table room were formerly used uncomplainly, inasmuch as they were "Hobson's" choice. But the greatest of all the improvements we have noticed in this respect is at the Holborn Restaurant, at which the proprietors have, at enormous expense, constructed an annexe or grill room, which is at once the most splendid and elaborate in the metropolis, and eminently worthy of a visit. A country visitor to town, on opening the doors of this princely apartment would almost instinctively hesitate to enter, for assuredly in such a palatial dining saloon none but the wealthy could afford to pay for such luxury and refinement as is everywhere apparent. But once having tasted of the comforts and enjoyment which can be here obtained at the same cost, or even less, than at many of the second-rate and ill-conditioned refreshment houses to which we have referred, there will be no second thought as to a repetition of a visit. The proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant, fully alive to the every-day requirements of the public, have not only raised a sumptuous palace for the convenience of their patrons, but have added a cuisine admittedly the best in London, without in any way increasing their tariff. In the midst of luxury and refinement, never hitherto attempted in this country, friends may meet and enjoy their chop or steak at the nominal price of from ninepence to one shilling: the charge for vegetables is the same as you would pay at any pokey and unsavoury cook-shop; your "Burton" or "bitter" is 2d, just the same as at any public bar; and, moreover, you have thrown into the scale what is most essential to the enjoyment of a meal, courtesy and civility on the part of your attendants. In case you may be an abstainer, tea or coffee is at hand at a moment's notice, at all hours of the day and evening, and at the most moderate and reasonable tariff.

The new grill-room may be entered either by the doorway of the Little Queen-street approach, or by that leading from Holborn. The visitor is at once struck with the exceeding beauty and lustre of the saloon, which is sixty-eight feet long by forty-seven feet wide, and upwards of eighteen feet in height. The walls are of the rarest and most beautiful marbles and mosaic, very little woodwork being seen. Among the marbles are the grand antique and campan vert *from the* Pyrenees, vein and statuary marble from Carrara, rouge incarnat from Languedoc, Levanto marbles from the Apennines, and alabaster from our own mines in Staffordshire. The skilful and artistic manner in which they have been combined in application is beyond all praise. A marble dado runs round the room to the height of the window-sills, which are also marble to the depth of the recess. The plinth is black, and the die and capping black and white—grand antique marble of the Pyrenees—divided by a band under the capping, of a rich brownish red, gained by the use of Levanto marble. On a series of pedestals matching the dado are ranged pilasters of red marble, which carry the cornice; the spaces between on the west side being occupied to about one-third of their height by mirrors set in a narrow gold framing, richly enhanced by a pale green marble as wall lining. On the opposite or east side the spaces are entirely taken up by square quarried stained glass windows, reaching from the dado to the cornice. This treatment of the glass is very judicious, being both pleasing and quiet. Immediately above the mirrors runs a string course of fluted statuary marble, and above this, bordered with the same pale green marble as before, a series of Venetian enamel mosaic panels of renaissance ornament, comprising figures and animal subjects, and foliated decorations in various rich colours and tints, on a gold ground. From the top of the cornice springs a large and bold cove, festooned with a series of flower and fruit clusters and drops. The ground of the cove is of dull gold, and granulated; the "swags," ribbons and drops are also of gold, and from the most prominent flowers incandescent light springs, by means of which the room is entirely lighted. The cornice and illuminated cove are carried across the room in two places, and serve to encase the deep iron girders which were necessary as a part of construction to support the walls and floors above. These girders are in turn supported by two iron stanchions, which are most ingeniously encased in marble, and by this means appear to be solid monolithic fluted and reeded shafts. They stand about fourteen or fifteen feet high, and are of veined white marble in two perpendicular sections, the joints being skilfully concealed in the quicks or fluting. These columns are beautifully proportioned, and terminate in ornate gilded capitals, presenting a chaste and picturesque appearance. The ceiling of this room is remarkable beautiful; it is divided into square fricassed panels, inclosed by moulded stiles of polished alabaster, having circular bosses of the same material at the joints. The panels are of gold mosaic, decorated with a foliated pattern in rich colouring. The effect of this ceiling, with its variety of light, shade, and colour is, when seen under the brilliancy of the electric light, indeed splendid, and is quite unique in London. At the end of the room stands a sumptuous-looking grill, which occupies nearly the whole of the north wall. This is a splendid production, by Messrs. Doulton, in the ware for which they are so celebrated. The ornamental details of the grill are particularly deserving of notice, especially the sliding doors to the hot-plate rack, which are of silver and polished Bessemer steel. On the top of the grill stand two gorgeous Oriental vases, the whole forming an attractive feature, entirely in harmony with the rest of the decorations. The architects of the building were Messrs. Archer and Green, and the whole of the marble and mosaic work was carried out by Mr. W. H. Burke, of the firm of Burke and Co., Newman-street, who were charged with the general decoration of the grill-room, and the windows were designed and executed by Messrs. Clayton and Bell, of Lambeth.

In the midst of these sumptuous surroundings a number of small tables are arranged in *tête-a-tête* fashion, so that parties, either large or small, can be easily and comfortably accommodated at their respective meals. The appointments of the saloon are of the most *récherché* description—the table-cloths snowy white, the glass and cutlery without a speck or blemish, while the necessary concomitants of the cuisine are of the most varied and complete kind. We have rarely, if ever, seen such a combination of perfect management and supervision, such excellence of wines and viands, such perfection of cooking, service, and attendance. Thousands of persons are daily becoming aware of what a boon has been placed within their reach by the proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant, where the public may be served at any hour with a substantial and splendidly-cooked meal, at from 1s 6d upwards, in the midst of artistic splendour, warmth and luxury, amidst the sweet cadences of soft, soothing music.

In closing our description of this new grill-room we advise our readers, one and all, when inquiring as to where to dine in London, to seek out and enjoy the advantages set within their reach at the Holborn Restaurant. Our country and colonial friends, especially, will be glad to learn of a centre at which they are able to procure a comfortable and excellent meal, at an exceedingly cheap rate, amidst surroundings of the most lavish and sumptuous character. Here they can make sure of a good dinner before going to the theatre or concert-room, or a late supper on their return. Contrary to the custom of some restaurants, where the prices are increased as the evening advances, here there is a uniform and normal charge from noon to midnight, which is unaltered during the whole time the grill-room is open. We are unable, with the space at our command, to enter more fully into details of this leviathan establishment of luxury and refinement; but, like good wine, it "needs no bush." We recommend all our friends to pay the Holborn Restaurant a visit, and see for themselves what sort of place the new grill-room is. We are convinced their verdict will endorse the opinion we express, that it is, *par excellence*, the most elaborate and best appointed establishment either in London or elsewhere.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Empire.—"Round the World" is a piece that all playgoers should see. As a dramatic work it cannot be called strong, but as a spectacular production it is everything that can be desired. The work is founded upon the well-known novel, by Jules Verne, "Round the World in Eighty Days," and contains a compressed version of the story, and nearly all the striking incidents of the voyage of the adventurous Englishman of the original. The scenery is superb; the Giant's Staircase, in the Rocky Mountains, is a lovely piece of scenic art; and the explosion on board the steamship Henrietta is very striking and realistic. As incidentals to the piece are introduced some snake charming, by Mons. Karoly; a trained elephant, and three well-arranged and well-danced ballets, the costumes of the first and second of these latter being both pretty and effective. In the second of these Mdlle. Pertoldi appears, and dances with her usual grace and elegance. It may perhaps be said the characters are almost overlooked in the magnificence that surrounds them, but on the whole the artistes engaged play their parts well. Mr. Charles Cartwright portrays Sir Clifford Cool, the baronet who undertakes to go round the world in eighty days, for a wager of £10,000. M. Marius, as Passepartout, Sir Clifford's valet, attends him, and is exceedingly amusing throughout. Mr. Charles Collette, in the character of a detective, and Mr. Myron Calice, as Hannibal Smith Pearce, of Boston, are both excellent. Mdlle. Miska and Miss Kate Vaughan take the parts of the sisters,—Stella and Gladys Herbert. Miss Vaughan does her best, but her part is a weak one, and it is undoubtedly a disappointment to find that her well-known Terpsichorean powers are not brought into exercise.

Grand.—The version of "Jane Shore" which was presented at this theatre, to a crowded and fashionable audience, on Monday first saw the light in August last, at the Court Theatre, Liverpool, where it was produced under the title of "The King's Favourite." Miss Marie De Grey as Jane Shore. This lady has now brought the play to London, and, judging by the reception it has met with during the week, we may predict a successful run for it in the Provinces where the talented lady who sustains the title-*role* has already made arrangements for its production. The work is by Messrs. J. W. Rounding and R. Palgrave, and treats of Jane Shore's association with Edward the Fourth. Edward meets Jane at a fête, given at the house of Mistress Neville. Here he makes overtures to her, but is repulsed with an energy that would disarm any lover less persevering than the royal wooer. Later on, Edward formulates with Lord Hastings a scheme for the abduction of Jane. This plot, however, is overheard by Brian (Mr. F. Charles), Matthew Shore's servant. Brian gives information to his master, who, for convenience sake, has been lured away. Shore, however, returns, confronts the King, and draws his sword. For this he is instantly arrested, and immersed in prison for a long period. Meanwhile, it is reported to Jane her husband is dead, and she becomes the Court favourite. In that capacity she pleads for the life of Clarence, when the King is stirred to anger by the insinuations of Gloster, who pours insidious speeches into his brother's ear. After Edward's death, by Gloster's order Jane

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is turned into the streets, and denounced as a witch. Here, on pain of death, no one is to give her food or shelter. However, before her strength is exhausted, her husband, who has been released from prison, arrives and pardons her, and Jane dies in his arms. In striking contrast with the gentleness and self-reproach of Jane is the pitiless malignity of Zanita, her cousin (Miss Rose Leclercq), who schemes against Jane whilst she is in favour, and gloats over her in her distress. Miss De Grey gives a careful and effective rendering of the part of Jane Shore. Her delivery is clear, and she secures the attention of her audience, though the play is naturally of a somewhat "heavy" character. Of Mr. Bassett Roe's impersonation of the Duke of Gloster we cannot speak too highly. The authors' intention is fully grasped, and the interpretation is marked with a freedom from undue emphasis and attempt at point making, though no opportunity for the satire attaching to the delineation seems to have been overlooked. We predict for this gentleman an early appearance at one of our west-end Theatres. On the unthankful part of Zanita Miss Rose Leclercq brings to bear the great experience she has acquired, and the result is a most artistic presentation of what might easily become a most repulsive portraiture. Mr. Matthew Brodie, as King Edward, acted with much spirit. Mr. Jones Finch, as Matthew Shore, was a little too "ponderous;" we think this gentleman, who is a true artist, could easily throw a shade or two of relief into his impersonation. Mr. Hamilton Piffard (Lord Hastings), Mr. H. H. Morell (Master Milstead), Miss Ina Garrick (Mistress Neville), and Miss Helen Massey (Duchess of Clarence), do not discredit their surroundings, while a special word of praise must be given to Mrs. Ernest Clifton (Mistress Milstead). This lady enacts a somewhat difficult part with great discrimination. Altogether we congratulate the authors, who in Miss De Grey and the ladies and gentlemen she has engaged to support her have secured the services of artistes who are capable of bringing out the many strong features this work possesses. On Monday the same company will produce the romantic drama, "Woman against Woman."

Vaudeville.—We have heard the question asked, "How is it experienced managers waste their time and money in producing pieces that at first sight it is evident will not take?" Whether it is that they do not read the piece thoroughly before rehearsing, or whether they think anything will do now-a-days we cannot say, but the fact remains that piece after piece is put upon the stage only to be condemned by all who witness them, and are speedily withdrawn as lamentable failures. At the Vaudeville, Mr. Thorne's productions of late have met with but little success, and we are afraid his latest venture will not cause Dame Fortune to smile on him. "Doo, Brown and Co." is from the pen of Mr. C. M. Rae, who describes it as an original farce. The work has some good lines in it, but the plot is too feeble for its absurd situations and wildly farcical incidents to exercise their proper effect upon an intelligent audience. Doo, Brown and Co. are a firm of lawyers, represented by Doo (Mr. Thomas Thorne) who engages an empty headed man named Dobbins (Mr. Fred. Thorne) to attend to his clients, and to make use of catch expressions. This privilege he exercised on the first night to such an extent that the audience could but vote him a nuisance. Mrs. Peppercorn (Miss Sophie Larkin), dressed up as a classical and amorous Flora, gives a sitting to an artist named Indigo Leo (Mr. C. Glenny), and with Major Peppercorn (Mr. Charles Groves) saved the second act. But when, in the last act, the Major and Doo fight a duel blindfolded, with carving knives and forks, in the most absurd fashion, the temper of the audience gave way, and the curtain went down amidst strong marks of disapproval.

With respect to the recent collection of Masonic medals, emblems, books, and other objects exhibited in the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, a writer in a local journal says:—

"I am told that there are only three other such collections in existence. But this differs from them in being the work of a single enthusiast, in an incredibly short space of time. Bro. Taylor, who stands very near the top of the Masonic grades, in this, as in other matters, reveals the tremendous energy with which he is accustomed to work. To accumulate the objects I was permitted to see the other evening would, by an ordinary man of means and leisure, be considered a sufficient life work. In the present instance, they have been drawn together from all quarters of the globe by a man whose every hour seems full of business affairs. Apart from any knowledge of, or interest in, Freemasonry, no intelligent man can fail to be struck by the numismatic and bibliographical value of the articles brought together, many of them unique, and all of them scientifically arranged, and forming a bird's-eye view of the history of Freemasonry. To an outsider the Craft becomes more intelligible, more impressive, and more worthy of respect in the presence of these eloquent witnesses of the immense interest taken in its teaching and ritual by different generations, nationalities, and ranks now passed away, but whose enthusiasm and convictions are here crystalised for our information, and a record for ages to come. A collection so complete and varied cannot well be estimated pecuniarily, but I am informed that experts have valued it at something like two thousand pounds. Should Brother Taylor ever wish to part with it, I should think the Freemasons of England would hardly allow it to be broken up and dispersed.

The Southampton Masonic Hall Company have declared a dividend of 5 per cent., and Bro. J. R. Weston has been re-elected chairman.

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THE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Once more the April elections for our Schools are within measurable distance; and once more I beg to offer your readers an analysis of the candidates seeking admission. In the case of the Girls' School there are 36 contesting for 23 vacancies, and in that of the Boys' 48 applicants for 30 vacancies. The ages of the former range from 7 years 4 months to 11 years, with an average of 9 years; and of the latter from 7 years 3 months to 10 years 11 months, with an average of 8 years and nearly 8 months. Of the girl applicants 15 hail from London, 3 from Hants, 2 each from West Yorkshire, Sussex, Essex, and the Colonies, and 1 each from Suffolk, Northamberland, Kent, Devonshire, Leicestershire, North and East Yorkshire, South Wales (West Division), Dorsetshire, Worcestershire, and the Channel Isles; of the boys 15 hail from London, 4 from West Yorkshire, 3 each from East Lancashire and West Lancashire, 2 each from Northamberland, Hants, Durham, Gloucestershire, Kent, and S. Wales (West Division), and 1 each from Sussex, Herts, Wilts, Staffordshire, Devonshire, Bristol, Berks and Bucks, the Colonies, Essex, Warwickshire, and Norths and Hunts. The fathers of the girls subscribed on an average for 9 years and 11 months, ranging from 1½ to 21 years; and of the boys for an average of 9 years and 8 months, ranging from 1½ to 22½. Out of the 36 fathers of the girls only 11, or less than one-third, are recorded as assisting one or more of the Institutions, and of the boys' fathers only 10 out of 48, or a trifle more than one-fifth are so returned This looks very bad on their part. Of the girl applicants 25 are dependent upon the mother only, three on a step-mother, four on both parents, while four have neither parent living. The respective families range from one to nine in number, with an average of 4½ and are as follows:—Three with one child, two with two, four with three, nine with four, six with five, one with six, three with seven, and one with nine. Of the boy applicants, thirty-nine are dependent on their mother only, three on both parents, and six have neither parent living. The respective families average 3¾ each, and are as follows:—Seven with one child, seven with two, eight with three, ten with four, eight with five, three with six, three with seven, one with eight, and one with nine. Having now finished the analysis, I will call attention, as usual, to last cases. Amongst the girls there are four. The first two, Mathilde Pratt and Ethel Hickman, are on their second application, with 211 and 263 votes respectively; the first comes from Suffolk and Essex, and the second from Sussex. There ought to be no trouble in securing their election, but their friends should not feel satisfied with less than another 1200 each. Nos. 25 and 26, Amy Cutbush and Edith Hood, come up for the first and last time, and it is now or never with them. With regard to No. 25, I feel sure so many of the London brethren were acquainted with her late father—our much respected brother James Cutbush, who was so generous in his better circumstances towards the Institutions—to permit her to be disappointed. With regard to No. 26, though I am entirely unacquainted with her case, I wish her success, and I trust that the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland will be enabled to enlist the sympathies of sufficient of the neighbouring Provinces and others to see her safely through.

With regard to the boys there are five last applications. The first is No. 1 on the list, with his fifth attempt and only 318 votes to his credit. Though I am sorry for the boy, when I see the Lodge his father belonged to, I cannot hold out much hope of success for him; at the same time I hope, for the lad's sake, I may be a false prophet. Had he been born a week later he would have had another chance. No. 11 on the list (Lampricht) hails from Northamberland, which Province has two candidates on the list. If this Province is desirous of securing this lad's return, it must let the other, who has three more chances, entirely alone, which by the way she appears to have done already, as with three previous applications he is only credited with 19 votes. The three remaining ones, 14, 21, and 40, are forlorn hopes; but I see no reason why they should not all take the place they are besieging. They come from London, Kent, and Warwickshire respectively, and these districts should be fully equal to the task of planting their flags within the walls of Wood Green School, where I hope to have the pleasure of seeing the boys on my next visit.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

The second annual ball of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, Southampton, was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Wednesday, the 10th instant. There was a goodly company of some eighty ladies and brethren, and as a dispensation had been granted to the brethren to appear in their Masonic clothing, the scene was a brilliant one. The services of Mr. Faulkner's quadrille band were engaged for the evening, and the catering of Mr. Etheridge gave every satisfaction. The ball, in fact, proved a great success.

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REVIEWS.

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How to Recite. By Edwin Drew. London: Dean and Son, Fleet Street.

WHILE to some extent agreeing with the author of this little work that elocution may be taught, after a careful perusal of the book before us we must reluctantly express the opinion that little, if any, benefit could be gained by a student of the art from a study of "How to Recite." We contend that no useful purpose can be served by merely directing a person to emphasise this or that word. There are degrees of emphasis, and such a variety of methods for producing each different degree that it is impossible for any individual who has not a sufficient interest in his task—and ability to grasp the meaning of the piece he desires to recite—to receive that interest and understanding from written directions similar to those our author places before his readers. If the student has not some idea where emphasis is required, he is certain to fail, and no amount of study from a work such as that under consideration will make him or her competent to recite. What is required is, we think, directions to those who have the notion, to induce some idea of the way in which the proper sound of a word can be produced, and the idea an author desires to convey may be carried into effect. Again, we think the selection of poems by no means a happy one. Certainly two recitations worthy any student's attention are given—"The Women of Mumbles Head," and "The Field of Waterloo;" but with these exceptions there is not a solitary piece that would arouse the average reader's interest. Without an interest in his work no student can hope to excel in the art of elocution. We are convinced a selection of really interesting poems for recitation—of which there is no dearth—combined with a few practical hints on deportment and the mode of economising voice power would be welcomed by the youthful student; throughout the present work, however, we do not find anything beyond the most commonplace and every-day observations; indeed, nothing which would assist a diligent student, or arouse in any one picking up the book the feeling that he or she could with advantage join the army of elocutionists. We are sorry we cannot speak favourably of "How to Recite," but we feel the author has failed in his avowed object,—that of producing a work which should induce a greater number of the rising generation to more carefully cultivate the use of the voice.

BALLAD SINGING.—I would impress on amateurs who may be interested in the art of singing a ballad that before the chief essential, "speech in song," can be arrived at, the proper production of *vocal* tone must be mastered. To begin with, I would have my readers think of the singing voice as of a marvellous musical instrument which is placed in the throat. It is a natural combination of many manufactured instruments, but chiefly it is to be considered as partaking of the nature of a wind and a reed instrument—that is to say, the air, propelled by an invisible but distinct force from the lungs, is directed against the vocal cords or ligaments, where sound is produced. In order that this sound may not be impeded in its efforts to reach the outer air, the throat must allow itself to open. It must open passively; the sound then escapes, and finding free passage, it directs itself against another part of the instrument, which is the sounding-board, or resonator, of the voice, and is known to us as the hard palate, just above the top front teeth. Here the sound is magnified, intensified, or minimised, and managed as the artist chooses, and when perfected it may be clothed in speech, and so produced finally in "song." "Speech in song" means, to my mind, that the sound which is uttered is so enveloped by the word, that "word and sound," so combined and perfected, end in being "song." It will be seen, then, that to sing an English ballad requires an unusual combination of forces in the singer, and it is this very necessary combination which makes the true artist so rare.—From *Cassell's Family Magazine* for March.

"ILLUSTRATIONS."—Mr. Blackmore will contribute "the Lonely Bride" to the April number of Mr. F. G. Heath's new pictorial threepenny review, "Illustrations," which will also include an illustrated article on the London underground "circle" system of railways.

General Gordon's high appreciation of "Plutarch's Lives" is well known, and various references to the work occur in his Diary at Khartoum. "I would make 'Plutarch's Lives,'" he writes in one place, "a handbook for our officers; it is better than any number of 'Arts of War,' or 'Minor Tactics.'" "It would be nobler," he writes in another place, "to keep the Soudan, but it is too much to expect our taxpayers to agree to, and besides which, 'Plutarch's Lives' are no longer in vogue, and 'you must pay me well ere I go to the Soudan' is the idea. It will interest many to know that a cheap reprint of "Plutarch's Lives of Alexander and Cæsar" has just been issued as a volume of "Cassell's National Library," now publishing in threepenny weekly volumes.

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We again remind our readers that the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, will give their first concert this (Saturday) evening, at the Brixton Hall, Acre lane, Brixton, in aid of the Lodge Benevolent Fund. Bros. W. Ganz Past Grand Organist, W. L. Barrett, and Frederick Cundy have promised their assistance. Amongst the other artistes who will give their services are Madame Thayer, Misses Bene Fowell, Alma Evelyn, Lizzie Mulholland, and Alice Farren; Messrs. Percy Palmer, Herbert Jewell, and Henry Horscroft, Messrs. F. F. Buffen, Lee Davies, Sidney F. Hill (pianoforte), M. Theodore Werner (violin), Herr Otto Langley (violoncello). Following the Masonic principle of equality, there are to be no reserved seats.

Bro. A. Petts was installed Worshipful Master of the Temple Lodge, No. 538, Folkestone, on the 2nd inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Hart Past Master, in a very able manner. The Lodge and its guests afterwards dined together at the Pavilion Hotel, and spent a very agreeable evening.

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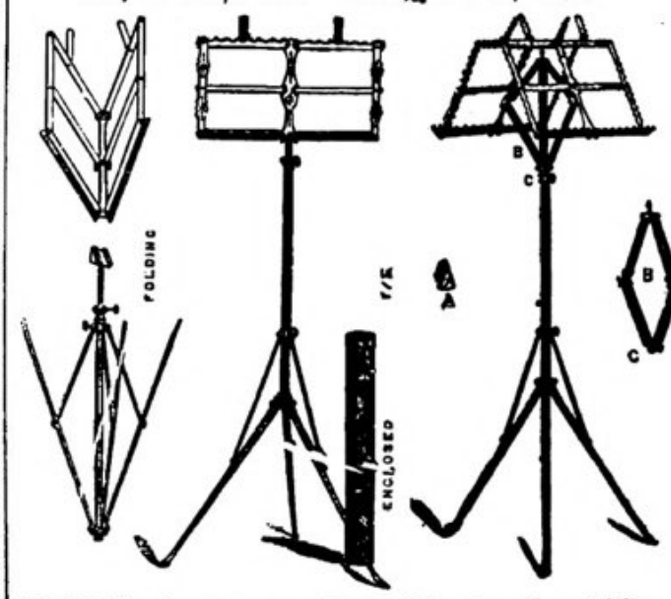

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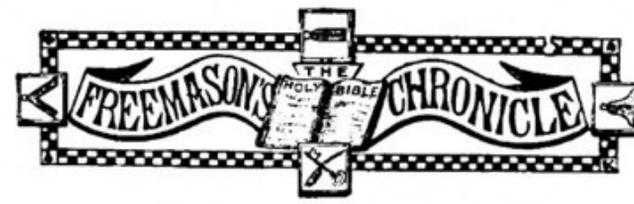

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PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THE installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. J. T. Thackara) took place in the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth, on Thursday afternoon, the 11th instant, in the presence of a large and representative gathering of members of the Craft. The ceremony of installation was to have been performed by the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), but a telegram had been received from him, apologising for his absence in consequence of his suffering from a sore throat. The duty was discharged by Bro. Frost P.M., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded. A Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to his predecessor (Bro. Horace E. Loader P.M.), in recognition of his efficient discharge of the duties. A Past Secretary's jewel was presented to Bro. J. W. Boughton. At the banquet, which was admirably served from the Albany Hotel, Landport (the choice wines having been specially selected by Mr. J. D. Antill), the usual toasts were honoured, the health of the W.M. being proposed by the D.P.G.M. (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) and received with enthusiasm. The decorations of the banqueting room were most artistic. The band of the Hants Artillery Volunteers, under the direction of Mr. Alley, was in attendance, and played appropriate selections. The Officers were appointed as under:—Bros. H. E. Loader I.P.M., J. W. Boughton S.W., G. Whitehall J.W., Palsgrave P.M. Treasurer, Rae Secretary, Bates S.D., Jenkins J.D., H. P. Holley P.M. D.C., Pearman Organist, Sanderson I.G., Curtis and Perry Stewards, Axell and Smith Tylers.

GOSPORT LODGE, No. 903.

THE annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at the India Arms Hotel, Gosport. There were present Past Masters Bros. G. B. Irons, J. Wallingford, R. Mitchell, F. Powell, and W. Brunwin, also Bros. D. G. Gilmour W.M 309, J. H. Jackson W.M. 1428, W. H. St. Clair 2074, J. M. Foster W.M. 1776, G. T. Cunningham 1834, J. W. Gieve I.P.M. 309, W. Dupree W.M. 1069, E. Good P.M. 804, W. Gunnell P.M. 342, J. Bussey 342, G. Darby W.M. 1705. About forty brethren of the Gosport Lodge were present. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. J. E. Thornton) was performed by Bro. J. Dempsey I.P.M. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. J. Dempsey I.P.M. W. Smith S.W., A. Perryman J.W., Rev. B. Ring, LL.D., Chaplain, W. Rowe Treasurer, J. Batt Secretary, C. Turle S.D., J. Hathaway J.D., H. Webb I.G., S. W. Misselbrook Organist, C. Larkins Assistant Organist, J. Warden D.C., J. Gill and H. Long Stewards. The usual banquet followed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE last meeting of this Lodge for the session was held on Saturday, 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, but in consequence of the extreme coldness of the weather it was but thinly attended. Bro. R. Fendick W.M. presided, supported by his Wardens, and Bros. Headon P.M. Treasurer, Keeble P.M. Secretary, Stevens P.M., &c. The first business, after the disposal of the minutes of the last Lodge, was to raise Bro. Alfred Joseph Coleman to the degree of M.M., which ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by the Worshipful Master. The next matter that came under the notice of the brethren was to elect a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Brother Potter S.W. was unanimously elected to that office, but will not be installed until the second Saturday in October. Bro. Potter returned thanks on his election, and promised

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to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge and the happiness of the brethren. Bro. Headon P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler. The Auditors of the Lodge accounts were appointed, and after the customary reading of the Bye-laws had been disposed of, the Lodge adjourned for light refreshment; as this was an off-night they were not of the usual extent, but they were of a very substantial description. At the close of the repast the Worshipful Master gave as the first toast the Queen and the Craft, which met with the usual response. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who had just been re-elected Most Worshipful Grand Master; he felt sure that the brethren would do honour to the toast, for no one had ever done more for Freemasonry than His Royal Highness. The toast was received with great cordiality. Bro. James Stevens P.M. said he wished to remark that as this was the last time the Worshipful Master would preside over them that would be a fitting opportunity to thank him for his past services, with a hope that he would form one of the [band] of Past Masters for many years to come. They should be wanting in common feeling if they were to pass over the occasion without referring to his services and what he had done for the Lodge. During his year of office the Lodge had been affected by the depression of trade, and they had not grown so fast as they had done some years ago, but when they got rid of certain incumbrances he could not doubt that the fortunes of The Great City Lodge would revive, but they would never be able to say that any brother ever ruled over the Lodge with greater success, or with greater pleasure to the members. The toast was enthusiastically received. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he thanked Brother Stevens for his kind remarks, which were almost too flattering to him; he had not had so much work to do as he should have liked during his term of office; it would have been a great pleasure to him, but he hoped that a large amount of it would fall to the lot of the coming Master. From all he had received the greatest amount of kindness, and he thanked them one and all for it. The Worshipful Master said, another toast he had to propose; one that he hoped they would do honour to, and that was the Officers of the Lodge. One of them he thought they ought to render their best thanks to; that was Bro. Gwynne, who was always ready to take any office when the Officers were not present. He also wished to mention the Worshipful Master elect, wishing him health and happiness in the office which he had struggled so hard to obtain. Bro. Potter S.W. and W.M. elect said, on behalf of the Officers and himself, he thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind manner in which their health had been proposed and responded to; he could only repeat what he said in the Lodge, that he would do the best he could for the Lodge and the welfare of the brethren. Bros. Gwynne and Cooke severally responded. In response to the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Headon jocularly remarked that in his youth, like the Lodge, he grew rapidly, but he could not go on growing for ever, and if the Lodge did not get as many new members as it should that was an additional reason why the old ones should keep close together. Several songs were sung, and the evening passed in complete harmony.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

AT the last regular meeting of this Corporation Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, Bro. Lieut. Hy. Wright presided, supported by Col. T. Davies Sewell P.M., Bros. J. Perkins, C.C., S.W., H. Squire, C.C., J.W., R. J. Pawley P.M. Treas, J. E. Turner P.M. Secretary, Major J. Perry Godfrey J.D., F. Jewson Organist, J. C. Whiddington D.C., J. Lovell Tyler, and many other Brethren and Visitors. At the conclusion of Lodge business a sumptuous repast was served by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements gave unqualified satisfaction. After the banquet, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the "health of the Worshipful Master" was received with special enthusiasm. Bro. Wright, in the course of the evening, expressed regret at the absence of Bros. Sir John Monckton, F. Green, C.C., and others, whose presence was always welcome at the gatherings of the Alliance Lodge. He then proposed the health of the Past Masters, who were represented on this occasion by Bro. Col. Davies, and referred to the dignity and urbanity with which that gentleman conducted the business of the Lodge during his year of office. His ability and genial manner had won for him many friends, not only in this Lodge, but also in the Corporation and City Guilds. Bro. Col. Sewell, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, said he owed a deep debt of gratitude to the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name. It was a great undertaking to respond to this toast, as he had succeeded to a line of talented Past Masters, who had distinguished themselves with credit and satisfaction, not only to this Lodge in particular but to the City of London generally. From the way in which he was always received here, he owed the utmost fealty to the Alliance Lodge, and he rejoiced to see the unanimity and harmony which pervaded the whole of its members, a state of things which he hoped would long continue. Bro. Smith then said he had been called upon to perform a very pleasant duty; he asked the brethren to join him in drinking to the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. They had been accustomed to look to the Master of the Alliance Lodge to do his duty well, but they must all admit that none could have acquitted themselves better in that capacity than had Bro. Wright. He was thoroughly acquainted with the Ritual of the Craft, and would prove an ornament to the Lodge when he was called upon to join the ranks of the veterans. The W.M., in returning thanks, observed that Col. Sewell had expressed gratitude for the kindly feeling expressed towards him; but he (the speaker) was vastly indebted to that brother, who had introduced him to the Alliance Lodge. He hoped he should never do anything to disgrace the position which he at present occupied, through the kindness of the brethren. His desire was to keep up the traditions of the Lodge, and in that respect he confessed himself to be a grand old Tory. He then alluded to the interest which had been taken in the affairs of the Lodge by successive Lord Mayors, Sheriffs, &c., and felt grateful for the assistance which had been rendered to them by the Treasurer and Secretary, the working Officers of the Lodge. He was most fortunately situated in having an array of colleagues around him. There was no single Officer present who would not or could not assist him in carrying out the work of the Lodge. Several complimentary toasts followed, including "The Visitors," for whom Bro. Scott replied, and "The Treasurer and Secretary," acknowledged by Bro. R. J. Pawley P.M. The proceedings were agreeably diversified with recitations and singing, and a pleasant evening was passed.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. H. Maunder Williams W.M., C. Phillips I.P.M., Henry Stokes S.W. and W.M. elect, J. W. Hartley J.W., Walter Hopekirk P.M. Treas., John Hammond P.P.G.D. Middx. Sec., H. Hooper S.D., Aug. Darch P.M. J.D., F. France D. of C., J. H. Worstencroft A.D. of C., G. R. Langley Asst. Sec., W. H. Simons Org., Alfred Pitman Asst. Org., J. W. Hiscox P.M., Thomas Moody P.M., Dr. R. L. Lawson, Thomas Cox, F. Wootton, W. H. O'Reilly, W. H. Cloake, C. W. Bennett, S. Scott Young, Walter W. Arter, C. Longhurst, R. Neilans, J. Andrews, W. T. Cue, Thomas Letchford, B. Forster, and E. Bye sen. The Visitors were Bros. Fredk. Binckes P.M. P.G. Stwd., James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, W. H. Williams P.M. 104, J. R. Johnson P.M. 1320, G. W. Speth P.M. 183, J. Harling P.M. 30, C. W. Fox P.M. 1326, A. R. Cranch P.M. 1669, Wm. Hamblyn P.M. 1622, A. R. W. Powles W.M. 1901, S. Richardson W.M. 183, G. W. Knight S.W. 1507, R. T. Brickdale J.W. 1623, James B. Serjeant W.S. 1765, R. C. Jones S.D. 1686, Jos. Wilson 177, W. Tomson 1524, E. Morson 1320, Sidney Hill Org. 1216, W. Wilson 1837, E. A. Francis 183, A. Gooch 1441; and others. The Lodge having been opened, and previous minutes confirmed, a notice of motion was given for the removal of the Lodge to the White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood, its present place of meeting being in consequence of circumstances connected with its original "home," only temporarily permitted by dispensation. A candidate for passing not arriving in good time, the ceremony of installation was at once proceeded with, and Bro. Henry Stokes was presented to the out-going and Installing Master. Bro. Williams completed a highly creditable year of office by performing the ceremony in a most efficient manner, assisted by Bro. John Hammond, who, at his desire, subsequently delivered the addresses. The newly installed Master, Bro. Stokes, then appointed and invested his Officers in the following order: Bros. Joseph W. Hartley S.W., H. Hooper J.W., Walter Hopekirk P.M. Treas., H. Maunder Williams I.P.M. Sec., A. Darch P.M. S.D., F. France J.D., G. R. Langley I.G., J. H. Worstencroft Director of Ceremonies, G. Mordey and O'Reilly Stwds., W. H. Simons Org., A Pitman Asst. Org., and Charles Sheppard Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was next presented to Bro. Williams in a most appropriate address from the W.M., and the gift was suitably acknowledged, as was also the further present of a collar and Lodge jewel to that worthy brother. An unexpected acknowledgment of the services of Bro. John Hammond, as one of the founders, and hitherto Secretary of the Lodge, was then made to that brother, by the presentation of a special jewel, setting forth by its inscription the services rendered. Bro. Hammond expressed his surprise and pleasure at receiving a gift so spontaneous and unlooked for, and modestly deprecated the eulogiums which had accompanied the presentation. After the disposal of some routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The customary leading toasts having been duly honoured, that of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Williams, the I.P.M., in terms of high appreciation of the services of the W.M. in his previous discharge of the respective offices he had held in the Lodge, and which had so well qualified him for his present exalted position. The remarks of Bro. Williams were cordially endorsed, and an enthusiastic reception was given to the toast. In response, the W.M. assured the brethren that no pains on his part should be spared to sustain the present reputation of the Lodge, and its continued and permanent progress. Adopting a very proper order of arranging the programme of toasts, that of the Masonic Charities—which it has been heretofore too much the custom to relegate to the very near conclusion of Masonic entertainments—followed the response of the W.M., by whom the claims of the respective Institutions were set forth, with special allusion to the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, whose respected Secretary was then present, and from whom he solicited an acknowledgment of the toast. Bro. F. Binckes, who received a very hearty greeting, after endorsing many of the remarks of the W.M., and thanking him on behalf of the sister Institutions, in one of his best and most characteristic speeches interested the brethren by special reference to the Boys' School, its progress of late years, and its present position. He had peculiar pleasure in recording his appreciation of the past efforts of the Honor Oak Lodge, and the expectation that the same disposition to aid the School in which he had so deep an interest would be continued. He looked forward to the ensuing Festival with some amount of natural apprehension lest the hard times of the present should affect the pecuniary result, but still had faith that the generous impulses of the Craft generally to sustain their most important Charities would prevent any serious disappointment. For the past assistance rendered by the Honor Oak Lodge he entertained the liveliest feeling of gratitude, and he was induced to hope for a continuance of support in the near future. For the toast of the P.M.'s Bros. Williams, Phillips, Hammond, and Hopekirk severally returned

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thanks, Bro. Williams particularly referring to the very happy year of office through which he had just passed, and which had been made so agreeable by the devotion of his Officers and the attention of the members generally to the best interests of the Lodge; and Bro. Hammond again referring to the manner in which that services he had been able to render had been recognised in the earlier part of the evening. The names of twenty-five Visitors were then read, and the W.M. called upon his Officers and brethren to accord them a hearty welcome. Bro. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, by general request, returned thanks for the greeting accorded, and in the course of many laudatory remarks on the perfect Masonic work which had been witnessed that evening (which remarks were freely endorsed by the general body of visitors) expressed the hope that the brilliant example set by those who had hitherto ruled the Lodge might be emulated, and probably equalled, if they could not be excelled, by the present and future occupants of the Chair of K.S. The Lodge was an ornament to the Craft, both in respect of ritual work and ceremonial, and its hospitality had been so distinctive as to ensure its attractiveness to all who could enjoy the honour of placing their names on the Visitors' list. Of the many now assembled he felt assured there was none who could do otherwise than wish the Lodge the prosperity it so richly deserved. The toast of The Officers of the Lodge was ably responded to by Bro. Hartley S.W., and shortly afterwards the Tyler brought a most successful meeting to a pleasant conclusion. Amongst the many vocalists and reciters of the evening, we should not omit to make special mention of the admirable efforts of Bros. Cranch, Simons, Sargeant, Pitman, and Forster, in regard to the last named of whom we may say, in the words of Captain Reece (words which he and others will quite understand), "It was his duty, and he did!"

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their annual installation on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on which occasion Bro. W. C. Hall was regularly installed as Worshipful Master. Bro. C. Cotton, the W.M. of the past year, presided, and he was supported by the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. Geo. Rawles, W. Webb, Joseph Lonsdale D.C., W. Coombes Secretary, G. Febrenbach Treasurer, and H. Nicholson. There was also a good attendance of members and the following visitors:—Bros. S. Murch 1612, G. Girling Butcher 569, W. Wright 1977, W. Biggs P.P.G.S.W. Wilts, Past Provincial Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks, T. Dyson, C. Beckett 2000, John Hodges Past Master 1706, R. De Lacy 1706, G. Harper 1612, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. W. C. Hall presented for installation. This ceremony was undertaken by Bro. W. Biggs, a brother who, as long back as September 1877, was sketched in our columns under the designation "An Installing Master." We then spoke of his ability as a presiding Officer, and at that time we believe our opinion was shared by all who knew Bro Biggs. To-day we find him equally proficient, and the eight years which have elapsed since then appear to have given him even greater command of the work, rather than to have detracted from any of the spirit or ability he then possessed. At the same time we suppose we must admit that the eight years have made some difference; for, unfortunately, we do not so frequently have the pleasure of meeting Bro. Biggs at Masonic gatherings as was the case at the time we refer to. Having been regularly installed, the new Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren to office:—J. J. Wilson S.W., Thos. Brooks J.W., G. Febrenbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes Prov. G.S.D. P.M. Secretary, H. W. Nicholson P.M. Asst. Secretary, Jas. Taplin S.D., A. G. Fleming J.D., A. Lambert I.G., F. Taylor Org., J. Lonsdale P.M. D.C., F. Stacey Asst. D.C., T. W. Jamieson Steward, G. Duffin Tyler. The addresses were then given, and in due course the ceremony was completed. Mr. John Ash Martin, a candidate for initiation, was regularly introduced, and was admitted to a participation in the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Cotton, who, in acknowledging the presentation, said it afforded him great pleasure to receive so valuable a gift from the brethren of the Lodge. A proposition for an initiate and for a joining member having been handed in, notice was given of a motion to alter the Bye-laws of the Lodge. The case of a distressed brother, who desired his petition to the Board of Benevolence to be brought before the Lodge for signature, was then considered, and Bro. P.M. Febrenbach kindly undertook to personally visit the applicant. In the event of his finding the necessities of the case demanded immediate relief, he was authorised to afford the same from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed. This was very well served by Bro. W. Phillips, the proprietor of the "Chequers," and was followed by the usual toasts. The Loyal toasts having been honoured, with those of the rulers of the Craft, the usual compliment was paid to the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett. With the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers was associated the names of Bros. Lieutenant Coombes, G. Febrenbach, and J. Lonsdale, who acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Cotton then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who he congratulated on the ability he had shown in conducting the ceremony of initiation that day. In reply, Bro. Hall said that when, ten years back, he was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, the chair of Worshipful Master appeared to loom in the distant future. By the kind suffrages of the brethren he had secured the coveted honour. He trusted his efforts would receive a kindly recognition, and that the prestige of the Lodge would be sustained during his year of office. At the request of the W.M., the duty of proposing the health of the Installing Master was entrusted to Bro. Morgan, who thanked Bro. Hall for the opportunity afforded him of saying a few words in favour of a dear old friend. Bro. Biggs, during the last few years, had not taken so active a part in the work of Freemasonry as he had in the earlier part of his career. He had proved himself a sound and worthy Mason, and to some of the young brethren who were around the board an outline of his career might prove of interest. Bro. Biggs was initiated between thirty and forty years back, in a popular London Lodge, wherein he regularly served the office of Worshipful Master. In 1857, he was appointed to a minor office in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, in which district he subsequently had the honour of filling the office of Grand Senior Warden. At that time Sir Daniel Gooch held the office of Deputy Grand Master of that Province. When Sir Daniel was installed as ruler of Berks and Bucks he appointed our esteemed brother to the Grand Secretaryship of the Province, and that office he held for something like ten years. At the present time he was looked upon as the perpetual Director of Ceremonies of the Province of Berks and Bucks. To the older brethren he was well known, and wherever he was known he was respected. Bro. Morgan felt that the toast would be as heartily received as he desired it should be, and bearing in mind the high esteem he entertained for Bro. Biggs, that would be of the most enthusiastic character. Bro. Biggs tendered his cordial thanks to Bro. Morgan for the kind way in which he had spoken of him. As had been stated he did not now take so active a part in the duties of Freemasonry as heretofore, but this could be accounted for when is was remembered that he might be classed in the ranks of the veterans, inasmuch as he was over seventy years of age. He had not performed a Masonic ceremony for something like ten years, but having been requested by the Worshipful Master, who was a next door neighbour, to instal him, he had had much pleasure in complying with the request. Years ago he had been a frequent visitor at the Royal Union Lodge, and he was pleased to see its present state of efficiency. After paying a deserved compliment to the Worshipful Master for the way in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Biggs proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, forcibly urging on his listeners the necessity of united efforts to maintain them in the state of efficiency that was required at the present time, when distress was so prevalent in every quarter. The toast having been replied to, the health of the Past Masters was given, Bro. Cotton responding. "The Visitors" and "The Officers" brought the list to a conclusion, and the brethren separated. Some excellent songs were given during the evening, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Dyson, who was assisted by Bros. Hodges, Beckett, and De Lacey.

MASONIC BALL.

A MOST successful ball was given on Monday evening, 8th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley, a special dispensation having been granted by the Prov. G. Master Lord Holmesdale. The invitations were issued by the Hervey Lodge, 1692, whose meetings are held at this hotel. The company assembled at nine o'clock, when dancing was commenced. The following Officers of the Lodge acted as Stewards:—R. V. Harman Worshipful Master, D. Grinsted P.M., J. King Secretary, M. J. Dickens J.D., J. Howard I.G., J. Sanders. The M.C.'s were Bros. R. L. Gore I.P.M. and W. G. Hibbs. The ball-room was most artistically decorated with Masonic emblems and flags. The first part of the programme having been gone through with much spirit, an adjournment was made for supper; Bro. R. V. Harman W.M. presided. After the loyal toasts, in proposing the toast of the Craft, which is not only the most ancient but the most honourable society which ever existed, the W.M. gave a short but facetious description of the secrets and mysteries of the Order. The remaining toasts were the Most Worshipful Master, the Ladies, the Stewards, and M.C.'s, which having been duly honoured, dancing was resumed, the remainder of the programme being completed with unflagging zeal.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, City, on Wednesday. Bros. Saint W.M., Shackell I.P.M., Campbell S.W., De Costa J.W., Seaman I.G., Pitt Secretary, Moss Preceptor; Valentine, Hyman 1275, Lashbrook. After preliminaries, Bro. Moss, as candidate for raising, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Moss worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Pitt answering the questions. Bro. John Hyman, 1275, was elected a member. Bro. Campbell was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 15th instant, at Bro. Baker's, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Hancock W.M., Kirk S.W., Stockhall J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., White J.D., Keogh I.G., Trowinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Finck candidate. Bro. White answered the questions leading to the second degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Dixie candidate. Bro. Trowinnard P.M. 1693 and 228 was elected Preceptor; Bros. Fenner, Western, and Forge (all P.M.'s) elected Deputy Preceptors; Cooper W.M. 1693 Treasurer, and Collingridge Secretary. Bro. G. J. Barnett 1929 was elected a member.

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ORIGIN OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

A VERY complimentary notice of the Masonic organization appeared in a recent number of the *English Churchman*, published in London, England. Besides expressing commendation of our Fraternity, the writer of the article to which we refer gave his opinion respecting the derivation of the word Freemason, which he assigns to a Hebrew origin. He states that "mas" in Hebrew means "tribute, levy, tributaries," and so we have the compound word "task-masters" as used in the Mosaic writings—a word equivalent to "lords of tributary services." The writer in the *Churchman* also shows that "mas" was anciently applied to those persons in Israel who were set apart to perform some distinct work, as king Solomon is said to have raised a tribute of select men—a "mas"—and placed them under the superintendence of Adoniram when a great undertaking was to be engaged in. The thirty thousand men thus selected belonged to a superior class and were associated together by some peculiar bond. They constituted a body of comparatively free men of the "mas," and received honours and preferment thereby. The writer from whom we quote says that these selected Israelites formed "a distinguished class, and remained a select and distinguished class, rich in instruction, culture and refinement, and proud of their distinction as 'mas,' by which collective name they may have formed a respected and respectable Brotherhood in Israel. Hence the Brotherhood of *Masun* or *Mason*, or *Masoni*, or Macons, or Masons, as they variously were called at their spreading over the various civilised countries of the world.

The origin of the word as thus given is by no means so fanciful as are some of the sources to which the term Mason, or Freemason, has been traced. Indeed, when we consider the strongly marked Hebrew character of the Masonic system, there seems to be considerable presumptive evidence in favour of such an etymology of the distinguishing appellation of the Craft. Certainly it is supposable—a proper influence in the nature of things—that the word *Mason* was primarily used in reference to some class, or association, having a resemblance to that great Brotherhood to which the name now applies. It might thus properly come from the Hebrew source designated.

Then as to the term Freemason. In the middle ages the word Mason applied to an operative Craftsman, and the prefix probably come into use to designate such an operative who was free of his Guild—or whatever might be the Society in which he had membership. A Free Mason in mediæval times was a superior sort of workman, entitled to special privileges, and most likely a worker in free-stone. Now we have the one word Freemason to designate the members of a great Fraternity, and, however we may trace the origin of the term, it is of chief importance that we keep in mind its practical import as at present applied. It stands for a class of men selected and set apart—a class united together by very close bonds of mutual sympathy and helpfulness—a class that ought to illustrate the qualities of both mental and moral superiority. Freemasons of to-day ought to be free of petty prejudices and gross passions—free of all entangling alliances with that which is base and corrupting. They ought to be skilful workers upon that best material of inner life, doing their best to mould and perfect human character.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

The first Festival of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction for Mark Master Masons was held on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn. The Lodge was opened with the following brethren acting as Officers: Bros. Lord J. W. Taylour P.G.W. W.M., J. L. Mather S.W., R. Berridge G.D.C. J.W., C. F. Hogard P.G.S. M.O., G. Cooper P.G.D. S.O., Ramsey J.O., A. Williams P.G.D. I.P.M., C. F. Matier P.G.W. Secretary, and S. B. Wilson P.G.I. of W. I.G. The usual formalities having been observed, the resignation of Bro. F. Binckes (Grand Secretary), the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, was announced, and was formally received with general expressions of regret. Brother A. Williams was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy. Lord Taylour and Bros. Hogard, Cooper, Wilson, Mather, Berridge, Driver, Richardson, Hoare, Ramsey, Moon, and Tisley were elected members of the Permanent Committee, and Brother Matier Secretary. Brother Poore then gave the lecture on the tracing board, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for so doing, he also being elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Fifteen propositions for joining were handed in, and in due course the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed at the Holborn Restaurant, Lord J. W. Taylour presiding. He first proposed the toast of the Queen and Mark Masonry, and this having been honoured, he followed with the M.W. the Grand M.M.M. the Earl of Kintore. He spoke with satisfaction—which he felt every Mark Mason would endorse—of the great progress the Mark Degree had made during the past few years. Any one who could remember it, as he could, twenty-two years back, could but marvel at its present position. He coupled with the toast the name of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master elect, and felt that under his rule the progress of the Degree would be as great, if not greater, than it had been under any of his predecessors. The toast of the Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Officers followed, and in proposing it the Chairman said that the success of Mark Masonry was due to the efforts of the brethren who had ruled it in years gone by. Brother Davison replied. He felt there was no fear of interest in the Mark Degree lessening while they had such brethren as their present Chairman ready to help whenever their services were required. Brother Williams proposed the health of the Chairman, who, he said, had come specially from the Isle of Wight to preside. Lord Taylour thanked the brethren for the high honour they had conferred on him in asking him to preside over the meeting. It had been one of the pleasantest days he had ever spent in Masonry, and had fully repaid him for any little trouble he had been put to in attending. Other toasts were, the Permanent Committee, the Mark Benevolent Fund, the Visitors, Brother Poore, and, finally, that of the Tyler. Bros. Berridge, Matier, Dr. Morris, and Poore severally responded. Brother Matier, speaking to the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund, regretted the absence of his official chief, Brother Binckes, who could have responded in a much more able manner than he was capable to do. Brother Matier recounted the present position of the Fund, and said that there were the names of ninety-five brethren on the list of Stewards for the coming Festival. £1700 was subscribed last year, and he hoped this year's total would be even in excess of that amount.

The ball given by the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, at the Peckham Public Hall, on Friday, the 5th instant, proved a very great success. The Worshipful Master and members of the Lodge fully entered into the spirit of the scheme, and, under their directions, a numerous company of lady and other visitors most thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Nor was the entertainment confined to dancing, there being singing and instrumental music and recitations in certain rooms set apart for the purpose. A capital supper was provided, and the different rooms were very prettily and tastefully decorated. Brother R. W. Powles W.M. and Brother A. J. Bellis P.M., Hon. Secretary of the Stewards' Committee, are to be congratulated on the admirable manner in which everything was carried out.

The installation meeting of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, was held on Thursday, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, Brother Alfred Bishop being installed as Worshipful Master. We shall give a report of the meeting in our next issue.

The Companions of the North London Chapter of Improvement held their weekly Convocation on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, Comps. Edmonds M.E.Z., Strugnell H., Brasted J., Sheffield S.E., Dean S.N., Radcliffe P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed.

A Committee of Frome Masons has been appointed, with a view to considering what will be the most advisable steps to take in order to secure greater accommodation than is provided by the present hall, and the cost thereof. The report was to be delivered at an adjourned meeting of the brethren.

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, 20th MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
188—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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Argel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 69—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 22nd 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.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1408—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1008—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1695—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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1804—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH.

114—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—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
—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—Pell Mell, Printers' Tavern, Downshire-road, Balham, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1011—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1178—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1338—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1446—Prince, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1509—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1581—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Sugerunia, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1472—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Hendon, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1506—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1536—New Finsbury Park, Romney Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Electric, Tivoli-den, 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. 22—United Strength, Gunsha Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Lambroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1709—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon

R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 24th MARCH.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

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)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1801—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1902—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst).
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Aldchurch Lane
R.A. 834—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
271—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
280—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1030—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1611—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
1784—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 805—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 25th 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.
834—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, Parkers, Stratford, Wanstead-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1196—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8 (Instruction)
1304—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1428—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.
1565—H. 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)
1612—West Middlesex, Red Rose, Ealing, 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)
1624—Prudential, Weavers' Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1654—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)

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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

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 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
M.M.32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 26th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In).
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.
765—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)
1288—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, Camberwe
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
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—Athingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2059—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 680—Selton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 797—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 20th March 1886:—

Monday—Mr. Jacobi's Ball, Grand Master's Lodge, British Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Benevolent Society of St. Patrick, United Lodge. Thursday—St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge, Globe Lodge, Great Northern Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge, Holborn Quadrille Ball. Saturday—St. James's Soirée, Kildare Bicycle Ball.

AN ANCIENT MASONIC CERTIFICATE.

Time worn and interesting documents recently found in Hunterdon County.

LOUIS Anderson, cashier of the Bloomsbury (N.J.) National Bank, while settling up the estate of his father, who died at his home in Flemington a year ago, found a batch of old papers in which was a Masonic dimit sixty-four years old, and what was known a century ago as a Masonic dismissal certificate, designated in the Masonic Lodges of to-day as a dimit. It is ninety-three years old, is written on parchment, and reads as follows:

We, the Master and Wardens of Unity Lodge, No. 7, Ancient York Masons, held at Kingwood, in the State of New Jersey, North America, assembled in due form, do hereby certify and make known to all men enlightened on the face of the earth, that the bearer hereof, our well beloved brother Silas Hough, hath been entered an Apprentice, passed the Degree of a Fellowcraft, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in our said Lodge, and having performed his work amongst us to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren, we therefore recommend him to true and faithful brethren of the Royal Craft wherever Providence may order his Lott.

In testimony of which we have delivered him this present certificate under our seal, and duly attested by us, and that the same may not be of use to any other, have caused the said Silas Hough to sign his name on the margin hereof. Given this twelth day of December, the year of Light 5793 and of Salvation 1793.

Attest: Wm. McGill, Secretary,
{L. S.} Elijah Rellinghouse, Master,
Wm. Lokorey, Senior Warden,
Jacob Snyder, Junior Warden.

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THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE April election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place on Monday, the 12th proximo, and on that occasion thirty lads will be elected from a list of forty-eight eligible candidates. Thirty-four of these candidates are new to the present list, ten now make a second application, one a third, two a fourth, and one a fifth.

Five of the lads will be removed from the list of candidates if unsuccessful at the coming contest, in consequence of their age precluding them from taking part in another election. Of these, No. 1, Samuel William Knight, one of three fatherless children, left by a former member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London, has already polled 318 votes, as the result of four elections in which he has taken part. It need hardly be said that very much more support will have to be given him next month than he has ever received before if he is to be successful. No. 11, Charles Wren Limpricht, was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion secured 156 votes, he is one of five fatherless children; his father was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Northumberland, and died in February 1884. No. 14, Sidney Robert Bolton, was also a candidate at the last election, but no votes were then polled on his behalf; both his parents are living, the father having been initiated in the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, London; there are three children dependent. No. 21, Edward Alfred John Mayne, and No. 40, Thomas Biddle Bunney, the other two last cases, are first applications; the former is one of two fatherless children, left by an old member of the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, and the latter one of two left by a former member of the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Warwick.

Six of the children have neither parent living, and all of these now appear on the list for the first time. No. 27, Robert Melhuish, is one of a family of seven, the father of whom was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, Devon. No. 28, Sidney Walter Watts, one of a family of two children of an old member of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Kent. No. 38, George Frederick Johnston, one of six left by a Past Master of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham. No. 43, William Waspe, one of four left by an old member of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, London. No. 44, Frank Ernest Hancock, one of two children of the late Bro. Hancock, well known to Masons in the West end of London as a member of the St. James's Lodge, No. 765, the City of Westminster, No. 1563, and the Rothesay, No. 1687, and also in connection with a Lodge of Instruction which for many years met at his house in Jermyn-street; and No. 48, Oliver Lancelot Brister, one of the four children of a brother initiated in the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158 who afterwards became a founder of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, both of London.

The somewhat meagre details we have given of the above eleven cases are ample, we are convinced, to awaken the sympathy of every reader when the special claims surrounding each case is taken into consideration. In the first five the chance of securing the coveted place in the School ends with the election of next month, while in the latter six, the children, with their brothers and sisters, are left without father or mother. How gladly would we see the names of each one of these eleven lads among the successful at the close of the poll on the 12th. Is such a display of Masonic charity possible?

As so many of the remaining candidates are first application cases, we purpose, first, to analyse those who have taken part in previous elections, and conclude with a brief summary of those who have not. No. 7, Joseph Wood, and five other children of a late member of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, London, are now dependent on their widowed mother. The lad was a candidate at the last election, and on that occasion polled 107 votes. No. 3, Albert Taylor, has already contested three elections, but so far has only secured 36 votes; he is one of five children now dependent on the widow of an old Past Master of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 274, East Lancashire. No. 9, Otto René John Fox, is also one of five dependent children, left to the care of the widow of an old member of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Sussex. The lad was a candidate at the last election, and on that occasion had 912 votes polled on his behalf, a number which, if repeated next month, should render his admission to the School all but secure. No. 5, Joseph Thomas Andrews, is one of four children left by a late Past Master of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, London. In October last, when he competed for the first time, he had 122 votes polled on his behalf. We were well acquainted with the late Bro. Andrews, and should be very pleased to see his son admitted to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. No. 10, Percy Haslem Matthews, has a sister in the Girls' School, but there are still four children dependent on the mother, the widow of a Past Master of the Furness Lodge, No. 995, West Lancashire, who also took part in the foundation of the Arthur John Brogden Lodge, No. 1715. Ten votes were polled on behalf of the lad at the last election. No. 4, Percy Gibbs and two other children are dependent on their widowed mother; the father was a member of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Hants and Isle of Wight, and one of the Founders of Chapter No. 319. The boy has already taken part in two elections, but so far only eleven votes have been polled on his behalf. No. 8, Herbert Benjamin Plows, son of an old member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London, has been more successful, 517 votes having already been recorded for him, although he has been only once before the subscribers; he is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother. No. 6, Frederick Tom Webb, stands perhaps the best chance among the whole of the candidates on the list, for in October last, when he applied for the first time, no less than 1009 votes were recorded for him; he and one other child are dependent on their mother, who is the widow of a brother initiated in the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London, who was also one of the Founders of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624. No. 2, George Cannon, has already appeared at the last three elections, and now comes forward with 19 votes in hand; he is the sole dependent child of the widow of a brother of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Northumberland. No. 13, William Archer Stocken, also an only child dependent on a widowed mother, secured 349 votes in October last; his father was a member of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Herts. No. 12, Walter Berry Freeman, is one of nine children, of whom one is partially provided for, who comprise the family of Bro. J. W. Freeman, a Past Master of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, London; both of this lad's parents are living, and at the last election they were enabled to secure 806 votes on behalf of their son's candidature for the Boys'

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School; if they can only be fortunate enough to repeat this number next month the lad's admission to the School is tolerably certain.

The other cases—twenty-six in number—are all first applications. There is one family of eight, dependent on a widowed mother; two of seven, one of six, three of five, five of four, four of three, two of two, and five of one; while in one case there are five children, of whom two are partially provided for; another where there are two, of whom one is partially provided for; and one case where five children are dependent, both parents being alive. In three of the cases the lads have sisters in the Girls' School, these being No. 16, Bryan Hanby Holmes; No. 19, Robinson Midgley; and No. 47, Charles Sidney Buckley.

The day of election, the 12th proximo, will be a day of rejoicing to a large majority of the families interested in the contest, for nearly two-thirds of the candidates who go to the poll can be admitted. This is an exceptionally favourable condition of affairs, especially as at the present time so much distress prevails, and we hope it will prove an incentive to those brethren who have already given in their names as Stewards for the next Festival of the Institution to redouble their efforts, while to some of those interested in the candidates who will go to the poll we trust it may prove sufficient inducement to secure their services in a similar capacity. The brethren rejoice when it is possible to declare a large number of vacancies; do they remember at the same time what is needed to maintain the children who are elected to fill those vacancies, or the demand there always is for fresh vacancies? Increased subscriptions on behalf of the Institution is the only method of keeping the supply any way equal to the demand.

"OUR NEXT CHAIRMAN."

All the means of action,
The shapeless masses—the materials—
Lie everywhere about us. What we need
Is the celestial fire to change the flint
Into transparent crystal, bright and clear.
That fire is genius!

IT is hardly necessary to remind our readers how eminently the above lines of Longfellow apply to a Masonic ruler. Whether he be the Master of a Lodge, of a Province, or the Chairman of one or other of the Festivals which occur year by year in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Order, the fire of genius is needed, to enable him to utilize the materials which lie about him, so as to change the shapeless flint into the brightest and clearest of crystal; in other words, so to adapt himself to the circumstances of the moment as to ensure from every one about him the brightest unanimity and the clearest encouragement. At most of the meetings to which we have incidentally referred this appears to require no very great effort. The masses there can hardly be said to be shapeless, inasmuch as each portion is well acquainted with the share he is expected to take in the proceedings of the day, and appears to only need a word from a leader to ensure the programme being properly carried out; but in this respect appearances are somewhat deceptive. That such meetings invariably progress and end as they should do is not the result of mere chance, but it is rather because the brethren who undertake the lead—the chairmanship—of them are endowed with that fire which is needed to change the rough to the perfect; and if one meeting may appear to progress more smoothly than another the cause may often be found in the degree of genius displayed by the Chairman. He must know just when and how to humour his audience; he must lead, and yet seem to follow; he must rule, and at the same time appear to be the servant of those he rules; while in numberless ways must he be prepared to meet emergencies—which arise even in the most peaceful and unanimous of gatherings, and which if neglected or misunderstood may have unfortunate results, even if they do not culminate in ultimate disaster. The great point with the chairman of a large assembly is to keep his audience on good terms both with themselves and their leader, and to do this he requires no small portion of that celestial fire which the poet has told us can work the most wonderful changes. the brother of whom we are writing has had a long and brilliant career, and it is not difficult to quote examples of his ability to endorse our opinion that he possesses the celestial fire of genius to a marked degree. In many spheres of life he has had all the means of action, the shapeless masses everywhere about him, and in all—whether it has been as a Soldier, a Provincial Grand Master, or a Chairman—has he proved himself capable of changing "the flint into the crystal;" while from the roughest materials he has produced the brightest and clearest of jewels.

"Our next Chairman" was born on the 22nd September 1814, and, like many with whom he has since been intimately associated, was educated at Eton. In his eighteenth year—in July 1832—he entered the army, and soon rose to the highest dignities of that profession. He served at the Mauritius and in the East Indies, until 1840, as Adjutant of the 9th Regiment. He then filled the office of Military Secretary to the Governor General of Jamaica, until 1843, and three years later acted in a similar capacity to the Governor General of Canada. From 1846 to 1853 he was Regimental Adjutant of the Grenadier Guards. He served during the whole of the Crimean campaign; as Assistant Adjutant General to the first, and afterwards the Light Division. He was present at the battles of Alma, Inkerman, and Tchernaza, and at the attack on the Redan. He was chief of the Staff to the Allied Expedition to Kertch, under Sir George Brown. He was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the rank of Colonel for distinguished service in the field. He rose to the rank of Major General in 1868, Lieutenant General in 1876, and General in 1878, retiring from the Service in 1881, after being associated with it for nearly fifty years. He was created a Companion of the Bath in 1855, is an Officer of the Legion of Honour, and of the Order of the Medjidi. He has received the Crimean medal, with three clasps, and also the Turkish medal. He commanded at Shorncliffe from 1867 to 1870, and at Chatham from 1870 to 1873, and since 1876 has been Colonel of the 95th (Derbyshire) Regiment. He is a J.P. for Middlesex, for the city and county of Dublin, and for Westminster, and at the present time is the Masonic ruler of the Province of Surrey, having been appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1871, and Provincial Grand Superintendent in 1873.

"Our next Chairman" was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Quebec, in 1845; he became a joining member of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, London, on the 10th June 1852, and served the office of Worshipful Master in that Lodge in 1858. He also joined the Alpha Lodge, and is at the present time one of the oldest member of that distinguished body. He was present at the meeting of this Lodge when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales initiated his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, and in recounting his experiences thereof at a subsequent meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge he said, that he had not only been struck by the way in which the ceremony had been performed by the Prince of Wales, but also by the attention paid by the young Prince during his initiation. Our hero was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry during his sojourn in Canada, and joined the Chapter of Friendship, No. 6, on the 27th June 1851, and was installed as First Principal thereof in 1860. He was appointed Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in 1855, and, as we have said, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey in 1871, and Provincial Grand Superintendent of the same County in 1873. He was also advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason in Canada, and joined the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7 on the English Register, 18th May 1876. He was one of the founders, and the first W.M. of the Studholme Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 197, and was appointed Junior Grand Warden of the Mark Degree in 1876. He is also Provincial Prior of the Order of the Temple for Kent and Surrey, and was Great Prior of the Supreme Council 33° in 1878. It will thus be seen that in Masonry also "Our next Chairman" has achieved the highest distinctions. The Province of Surrey has progressed and prospered greatly under his rule. In 1871, when he was appointed to govern the Craft in the Province there were under a dozen Lodges, now there are some thirty working under his guidance. Similarly the Royal Arch Degree has prospered, there having been but six Chapters in the Province of Surrey when he assumed its command in 1873, while at the present time there are eleven in active work. The brethren of Surrey have practically shown their love for their Provincial Grand Master by naming two of their Lodges—the Brownrigg, No. 1636, meeting at Kingston, and the Studholme,

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No. 1591 — after him; but this does not represent even a part of the respect and esteem with which he is regarded by those under his rule. In July 1884 he had the honour of holding a special meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge at Redhill, for the purpose of receiving the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their laying the foundation stone of the new Schools of the Royal Asylum of St. Ann's Society. In April of the preceding year a somewhat similar pleasure devolved on "Our next Chairman," the visitor on that occasion being H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who journeyed to Bagshot for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new church of St. Anne's in that town. On each of these occasions the ruler, the officers and the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey were most active in assisting in the work, but, perhaps, none more so than the brother of whom we are now writing, who, likewise, in many other ways has taken an active part in the affairs of the County with which he is so intimately associated.

The subject of our sketch has not been unmindful of the claims of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, to each of which he has given his support in years gone by; while the title by which we have designated him at the head of these remarks, proves that he has neither lost his love for our noble Institutions or his desire to do his utmost on their behalf. He will act as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will take place on Wednesday, the 19th of May next, and which, we trust, will be a great success. He is not new to the work which will then devolve upon him, for he undertook a similar duty on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1883. On that occasion he proved himself a most capable President, and the efforts he then made, supported as they were by the brethren of his Province, proved most beneficial to the Benevolent Institution. That similar exertions will be made on behalf of the Girls' School, by "Our next Chairman" and by the brethren of his Province, there is no doubt, and that an equally satisfactory result may follow we have little fear.

All the means of action,
The shapeless masses—the materials—
Lie everywhere about us;

and if it is in the power of one individual to exercise any influence on those materials, "Our next Chairman" is the man to accomplish it, and as so much depends on the result of his labours, and on the labours of those who will assist him, we hope that the day of the Festival will prove that the celestial fire of genius has been strong enough in him to once more

Change the flint
Into transparent crystal, bright and clear.

MASONIC TRIPLES.

Part III.—The Ornamentation.

MASSIVE proportions, extending in detail to the stones of the edifice (Josephus mentions a length of forty cubits), called for and received an artistic ornamentation for the temple equally as grand. We may be sure, were history entirely silent, that Tyrian art was capable, as was Egyptian architecture, also, to rise to the majesty of the occasion. The massive stones composing Solomon's house were worthy of chronicle, much more those of the house of the Lord. The temple was wainscoted with cedar-wood, which was covered with gold. The boards within the temple were ornamented with beautiful (threefold) carvings representing cherubim, palms and flowers. The ceiling was supported by beams, also of cedar, and the wall which separated the holy from the Most Holy Place is described in the language of Scripture: "So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold; and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle, and he overlaid it with pure gold." Solomon also "overlaid the upper chambers with pure gold." Within the Holy of Holies stood only the Ark of the Covenant; but within the Holy Place were ten golden candlesticks and the altar of incense. The altar in the temple had steps before it upon which an ascent was made, but neither the tabernacle nor the second temple's altar had these steps. The promise made to Solomon was threefold, as follows: "Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt *walk in my statutes* [italics ours], *and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments*, to walk in them; then will I perform my word unto thee, which I spake unto David thy father." Masonically, the ornamentation of the temple may be used to set forth the moral and spiritual edifice referred to in the nine classes of Masonic emblems; eight of which refer to the public and private duties of the craftsman, and the ninth teaching the doctrine of the resurrection of the body in a manner which may not be communicated to the outside world.

What then is the conclusion of this whole matter? And what is Masonry viewed from the Speculative standpoint as revealed by the mystic number three?

The colour of Ancient Craft Masonry is blue. It typifies truth, friendship and fidelity. The first of this triple is the foundation, the other two are attributes or consequents. This points us back to the monitorial explanation of Masonry: "Truth is its centre." From this point radiates the whole duty of man, introducing the symbol of the Saints John, to whom all Lodges in Christian lands are dedicated. This emblem is a "certain point within a circle, embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing these two saints; upon the vortex of the circle rests the Holy Scriptures. The point within the circle represents an individual brother; the circle the boundary line, beyond which he is never to allow his passions to betray him. In going around the circle he must necessarily touch upon these two lines, as well as the Holy Bible, which teaches that while a Mason keeps himself thus circumscribed within its precepts, it is impossible he should materially err." All the graces which adorn the true Masonic character must, therefore, be a true exponent of truth. Truth is a triple: (a) Truth of the thing, (b) Truth of knowledge, (c) Truth of the sign. If the foundation be sure, then the superstructure is a living reality. To illustrate our thought:

1. The truth of the thing. Apply the number three and we find that all the ancient religions were based upon a central, threefold object. The myths of heathendom and representations of the one body and three faces, the constantly recurring number three in the heathen mythology holds the truth in a shadow. Our position taken in part I. is that the revelation of that truth belongs to Christianity.* That the solution of the case rests upon the fact disclosed by the three great lights of Masonry; there are things which were hid from other eyes and ages of the world but which are revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of these. The Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is a revelation. In Christian lands, therefore, the doctrine of the Trinity, the truth of Being, cannot be antagonistic to Masonry because the search is for more light, and no brother should rest satisfied with half a light or a whole light partially revealed. Both points of the compasses are above the square in the Master's Lodge. We here see how it is possible for Masonry to be universal. The Institution is logical, and does not require an impossibility. The brother's conception of the Eternal God in other than Christian lands may indeed be held in shadow to-day; the same may be true of the Jewish craftsman, but that does not debar him from full Masonic fellowship, nor does it follow that the Institution is antagonistic, in consequence, to the Church of the Living God. As proof that this statement has the endorsement of eminent Doctors of Divinity we refer to almost any list of such ministers in any of the branches of Historic Christianity. Suppose we do find this truth foreshadowed in heathen rites, this much can be said: There is a universality in all which seems to point to *one* common origin. These traditions have come down, distorted oftentimes, but they have the same underlining which crops out here and there, and these and all show that similar principles are at work everywhere The various religions of the earth have a common basis of truth, and all the lines converge in the religion of Christianity. This aptly describes the Masonic Institution and gives the best reason why the Worshipful Master truly says to the candidate: "Masonry is a progressive Institution."

2. Truth of knowledge. The emblem referred to is a most interesting study in this connection. It rationally shows why the Masonic Fraternity may plant itself firmly upon the truth, teaching the religion of humanity; and at

* The idea intended is that Speculative Masonry is a product, in its genius, of Christianity; and nothing else.

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the same time be consistent in adhering to the ancient landmarks which have come down from time immemorial. We quote again from a brother's MS., by permission: "You do right well, brethren, to acknowledge the dignity and supremacy of God and the Holy Place where He has placed His Name." The temple's true symbolism points to the church; to man redeemed, disenthralled from all appearance of inconsistency the result of human weakness, and suffered for a season, to a perfectness revealed only in the Holy Scriptures. "You do right well to keep in mind the memory of the blessed St. John the Baptist, that ancient patron of our Order, and St. John the Evangelist. These two illustrious names are blended in one single purpose of setting forth the majesty of the God-made Man. The one was a Jew, a forerunner of the Son of God and Son of Mary, the other followed after and set up the pillars of that spiritual temple whose height, length, depth and breadth now fills the four quarters of the globe. One might say that wherever a Jew is found there is the brother of St. John the Baptist, a witness of Christian truth, and wherever a Christian is found there is the brother of St. John the Evangelist, a witness of the truth which the Jews of old believed. So, too, it is sometimes said that the New Testament lies concealed in the Old Testament, and the Old Testament stands revealed in the New Testament. The world's history bears witness to both, a sort of threefold witness to the truth. From the beginning both the Church of God and Masonry have ever done honour to the illustrious Saints John. Masonry has ever been the handmaid of the church. She has ever cherished the principles and doctrines of these two most glorious champions of right. The one was beheaded for boldly denouncing vice; the other was thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil at Rome, and was preserved alive, and so the terrified Romans banished the Evangelist to Patmos Isle, and there he received the Revelation of the future of the church. Where or when has Masonry ever countenanced vice? Where or when has Masonry ever obstructed the path of Christianity? Never. If tradition be true, St. John the Evangelist, in the decline of life, organized the scattered bands of roving Operative Masons and formed the first Grand Lodge. No doubt, too, he taught them the truth as it is in Jesus. Nobody claims that St. John Baptist, or St. John Evangelist were more occupied with Masonry than with their first duty in God's church. But, mind you, if the universal consent of the Christian Church gives witness to the truth of God, so too the universal consent of the whole Masonic world gives witness to the fact that these two were ancient patrons of Masonry. Masonry is not mixed up as a factor of church history, for reasons which must be plain to every Mason. Neither is Masonry mixed up with political history, for the same very good reason. While its foundation principles underlie all moral religious truth and all good political government, yet it is not a controller of either, and never has been or can be used as a tool of either."

3. Truth of the sign. One definition of *veritas signi* is: "This consists in its adequateness or conformity to the thing signified. The truth and adequacy of signs belong to enunciation in logic." To the mind of the writer many Masons, while they write about the Institution, mix up things which do not really belong to it. They fail to discriminate between the temple workmen and the temple worshippers, and that is why one hears a brother now and then declare that the Lodge is good enough church for him. Well, anybody who is well versed in Masonry knows that it teaches the highest kind of morality. The character, to pass muster when tried by the Overseer's squares, must be either oblong or square; the ornamentation of the temple was pure gold in material; but nowhere does Masonry profess to give us help. The Order teaches love to the brethren, charity to all, to be sure, yet the teachings stop short of saying that Divine help must come through it from God. In other words Masonic teachings should accord with the genius of the Institution—an auxiliary indeed to Christianity, but neither a religion nor Christianity itself. The dedication of the temple by Solomon recognized this fact. He looked to God and prayed after the temple was completed. It is the workman's privilege to be a workshiper also, but the distinction should be always kept in mind. We say the craftsman at his labour is doing his duty, and a man in prayer is fulfilling the same service, but work is not prayer, although it may be sanctified by prayer. The brother, therefore, who claims that his Lodge is his church may as well claim it for his political governor, which is absurd. The truth of the sign is further shown in the allusion to the spiritual temple in the heavens, of which Solomon's was a type, the place "where all good Masons hope at last to arrive, by the aid of that theological ladder which Jacob, in his vision, saw ascending from earth to heaven: the three principal rounds of which are denominated Faith, Hope and Charity." This leads us logically to the discussion of a triple which has furnished the arts with one of the most exquisite subjects for the exercise of human skill, and to consider the doctrine of the resurrection as taught by our ritual. Like the other triples mentioned the subject is a vast one, and within the compass of three articles nothing but bare outlines may be given. Analyzed, Faith has something of the expectation of Hope, and Hope something of the desires of Love. Faith justifies at the bar where the law condemns. Hope lifts the soul above the dark and dismal shadow of mortality, explaining the ninth and last class of Masonic emblems. Charity (love) animates it to run the heavenly race until the crown immortal shall be won and worn. Like the colours of the rainbow, these graces maintain their distinctions, yet melt and soften into each other by imperceptible degrees. The first of this triple is Faith, and is superhuman. Faith comes down from above, and is the gift of God. Faith deals with spiritual, and is itself spiritual. We therefore placed Faith as the foundation-stone of our theory of the Masonic moral edifice. The true Masonic hope is Christian hope, whether held in the shadow of expectation or in the light of believed revelation. If this is not conceded, who shall particularize which hope may influence the mind from among the various others—good hopes and bad hopes, true hopes and false hopes—hopes laid up on earth that will disappoint the heart, and hopes garnered in heaven that will never fade? In the language of our symbolism, which temple shall it be—the earthly or the spiritual building; Solomon's temple which crumbles in ruins, or the one not made with hands, eternal in the heavens? We referred to Hope as the superstructure of the Mason's edifice. Is the symbolism of the foundation and building true or false? The ornamentation consisted principally of pure gold, so the ultimate virtue, Charity, is the highest in rank. Indeed Faith and Hope may be reckoned merely as preliminaries—the instrumental means of bringing her into exercise: "For the end of the commandment is love [charity] out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." At the gate of death the brother takes leave of Faith and Hope. They have been his solace at every stage of the journey. Were it possible that he could drop a tear as he enters the mansions of our Father's house above, the spiritual temple of Revelation, it would be as bidding an eternal farewell to the two, but he is assured that Faith may indeed be lost to sight, Hope end in fruition, yet "Charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity."

If with our threefold key we unlock the door, the doctrine of the resurrection of the body (which is as firmly held by Masonry as truth itself) is found to have been shadowed in both Greek and other mythology. All the deliverers from death showed forth the desire that was working in the minds of the Hebrews themselves, and which was not clear, but which was made clear in Him who declared Himself to be the Resurrection and the Life. This doctrine of the resurrection became the great doctrine of the Church. The types and shadows went first, a schoolmaster to lead men to Christ. Solomon's temple, with all its threes, and its flight of stairs of three, five and seven steps, leading up on the inside, sets forth the truth in mystery while it does not declare it. We of this later age can see that Solomon builded better than he knew; that the Holy of Holies represents to us heaven itself; that the pilgrimage of man was from the lower to the higher; that the Great High Priest as a forerunner has now entered once for all into heaven, and that all the mysteries of worship were hedged about by the number three, which occurred in every measure and proportion. This was a revelation from heaven; "See," said the Lord to Moses, "that thou make everything according to the pattern showed thee in the Mount." Now all this was not changed when Christianity came. What before was dead form became spiritual and full of life. A spiritual worship was to take the place of what before could not give life. So the revelation of Saint John in Patmos agrees with what Moses saw in the Mount, and the Christian church has its spiritual service and ceremonies and forms which are founded upon the pattern of heavenly things. Our Institu-

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tion, with all its beauty, its parallel symbolism of Christianity, in the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, can never take the place of the Church, and the consistent craftsman has no desire to place it in a false position, whether through the so-called inffable degrees or otherwise?—*Voice of Masonry.*

KEEP TO THE STANDARD.

FREEMASONRY is not a reformatory institution. It was never designed to be such. She will admit none possessing blemishes, either physical or moral. The candidate must pass muster on the cardinal virtues, or he is rejected. So carefully guarded are the portals of the Masonic Institution that the candidate for initiation must pass a most searching examination. While passing this ordeal, charity is unknown. The candidate has no rights, but is subjected to the unanimous consent of the members of the Lodge. One could hardly imagine that any institution could exercise more caution, or be more practically careful about the admission of new material. This great precaution is necessary and imperative, because the object of the Masonic Institution is not to make the weak strong, but the strong stronger.

In addition to all this, the candidate must not be solicited to join; no inducements must be offered him; he is to form his own favourable opinion of the institution—and how? By observation; by examining and comparing the members of the Order with the profane. The Masonic society must stand the test of cold, stern criticism. The profane will exercise no charity for any shortcomings of the Order, or any of its members. Is it not essential that when we are weighed in the balances that we be not found wanting? Freemasonry can rest on no other foundation than the impenetrable rock of moral integrity. Those members who cannot stand the test of the criticism of the profane, are its worst enemies.

When a brother sinks or falls, it is our bounden duty to lift him up. The Masonic plane of each member certainly *should* be as high as the plane demanded of those desiring initiation. But the question is often asked, "Suppose you lift an erring brother up, what then?" "Suppose reasonable efforts have been used to elevate him, and he sinks still lower, then what?" "Suppose he promises to do better, and will not, or at least does not, then what?" "Shall we suspend him?" "Shall we cast him out?" This brings us to the point where it becomes necessary to exercise judgment and Masonic charity. I say, "Masonic charity," because Masons are taught and exhorted to exercise charity.

Now let us understand; let us reason together concerning *Masonic charity*. There are two kinds, (1) Emotional, (2) Practical.

Emotional charity is controlled by the emotions, by sympathy.

Practical charity is controlled by reason and common sense.

Emotional charity has no aim, no object, no direction, no organization; it is at the mercy of the storms and winds, and the waves of the emotions.

Practical charity is just the opposite. Emotional charity is the charity of talk, of inaction, and generally costs the bestower nothing. Practical charity is that of action, of reality. It always costs the bestower something.

He who is controlled by emotional charity, considers the individual of more importance than the Lodge—than the Order; while he who is governed by practical charity claims that the Lodge or the Order is of more importance than the individual. The tendency of the former is to sacrifice the Order for the sake of the individual; that of the latter to sacrifice the individual for the sake of the Order.

The Virtue, Temperance, warns us to be cautious in the exercise of charity; we must not be too sympathetic, too emotional, neither must we be too cold nor too practical. We must, however, keep up the standard: and it becomes each and every Lodge to see that the moral plane of each member is, at least, as high as the moral plane demanded of its initiates.—*Texas Masonic Journal.*

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UNION LODGE, No. 414.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on 16th instant. Bros. F. Blackwell W.M., D. H. Witherington S.W., J. W. Martin J.W., R. C. Mount P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, C. G. Hawkes S.D., W. Sherwood J.D., John T. Dodd D.C., J. C. B. Tirbutt, C. P. Rayner, and J. R. Hayward Stewards; W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters M. J. Withers I.P.M., Charles Oades, C. Stephens, S. Wheeler jun.; Bros. A. Livings, W. Bonny, B. Ruddock, G. S. Galt, W. J. Maurice, H. P. Knill, W. G. Miller, Richard Dowsett. Visitors—Bros. C. H. Stubington Secretary 2043, G. W. Webb W.M. 2043, Charles Slaughter I.G. 1101, Walter Blackwell, T. P. Stewart 1101, B. W. Bennett J.D., Cyrill B. Tubbs S.D. 2043, Thomas Cooke Treasurer 2043, W. Hickie J.D. 1101. Lodge was opened in due form, and with the singing of an anthem composed by Bro. Tirbutt Past Provincial Grand Organist. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and Brother Alexander Bonny was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Mount moved that the sum of £50 be paid to reduce the mortgage debt upon the Lodge buildings. This was seconded by Bro. Withers, and carried unanimously. The Secretary reported that a circular had been received, soliciting a contribution from the Lodge to the Oban Masonic Hall Building Fund. The W.M. gave notice that at the next regular Lodge he would move that the sum of £15 15s be devoted to Charity. Business being ended, Lodge was closed.

OAKLEY LODGE, No. 694.

AN event of a novel and interesting character, in the shape of a concert in which all the performers were either members or relatives of members of this Lodge, took place in the Town Hall, Basingstoke, on the 16th instant. The chair was taken by Bro. the Rev. A.G. Barker, of St. Leonard's, Sherfield, the W.M. of the Oakley Lodge, who explained that the absence of Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was due to pressure of Parliamentary duties. The hall was well filled, with a thoroughly appreciative audience. Among the Masons present were Bros. E. Adams, Rev. A. G. Barker, J. L. Brooks, E. P. Conran, Rev. J. H. Chadwick, J. Dew, C. R. Dale, J. Gibson, C. J. Jacob, Arthur Lamb, F. Lazenby, G. Lear, J. W. Lodwidge, F. D. Miller, A. Portsmouth, J. Puntis, Rev. J. Scott Ramsay, Percy Randolph, T. Sherwood, C. Franklin Simmons, J. B. Soper, H. J. Thatcher, W. W. Tyrrell, Rev. G. S. Ward, S. T. Webb, J. Wheeler, E. C. White, D. White, and the Rev. E. Nelson Williams. Among others present, there were also—Miss Allen, Miss Allnutt and party, Mrs. and Miss Beach and party, Mrs. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Drew and party, Mr. Field, Miss Graysmark and party, Dr. Hayes, Mrs. Hussey, Mrs. Knight and party, Mrs. Lamb and party, Mrs. Lazenby, Miss Lee, Rev. W. P. Lysaght, the Misses May, Mrs. J. Moody and party, Miss Millard, the Misses Portsmouth, the Misses Randolph, Mr. J. R. Rawlence, Mrs. W. Snow, Mr. C. J. Stevens, Mrs. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Sapp, Mrs. Tyrrell and party, Mrs. S. T. Webb, Mrs. F. C. White, &c. The programme included some of the best compositions, and consisted, with three exceptions, entirely of vocal music. The part songs were admirably given, and no wonder that the Chairman's warmest enthusiasm was excited in speaking subsequently of the musical talent which was displayed. The first was Sir S. Bennett's "Come live with me," performed by Mrs. E. Adams, Miss B. Powell, Mrs. Conran, Mrs. Smith, Rev. J. H. Chadwick, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. D. White. Hatton's part song, "I met her in a quiet lane," was performed by Mrs. E. Adams, Miss Dew, Mrs. F. Batch, Mrs. Smith, Rev. J. H. Chadwick, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. D. White; and Pinsuti's "Good night, good night, beloved," received a perfect treatment. The harmony being of the choicest description. The performers were—Miss B. Powell, Miss Dew, Mrs. E. Adams, Mrs. Conran, Mrs. F. Blatch, Mrs. Smith, Rev. J. H. Chadwick, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. D. White. Two other interesting and successful efforts of vocal harmony were the ladies' trios—"Rise again, glad summer sun" (Leslie) and "Wreathe ye the steps" (Schumann), sung by Miss B. Powell, Miss Dew, Mrs. E. Adams, Mrs. Conran, Mrs. F. Batch, and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Thatcher gave the favourite song "Anchored" a thoroughly appropriate treatment. The Chairman explained that his daughter was absent, suffering from a cold, and that Miss B. Powell had kindly undertaken to sing in her place. Miss B. Powell's welcome voice was then heard in the song "Because," for which she was loudly applauded. In the second part Miss B. Powell had chosen the subject "My lodging is on the cold ground" (17th century), which she gave with artistic expression. The appearance of Miss W. Lamb with Mr. H. E. Powell for the pianoforte duet, "A Fairy Dance," was heartily greeted, and the performance was as earnestly applauded. The audience was also much indebted to Mrs. Batch, who kindly gave two songs, "The Last Dream" (Cowen), and "Masks and Faces" (Molloy). Mr. D. White sang "True to the last" (Stephen Adams), and "The stirrup cup" in good form. "La Pleine" (Raff) was a most enjoyable pianoforte solo, cleverly played by Miss Powell, to whom also several of the vocalists were indebted for discriminate accompaniments. Mrs. E. Adams and Miss B. Powell gave as a duet "None shall part us," from Sullivan's "Light of the World," and "Long years ago," from Latence," a most appreciated performance. Miss Drew, in singing "Sunshine and rain" (Blumenthal), and "The old and the young Marie" (Cowen)—two favourite songs—has an excellent voice, and was much applauded. Mrs. E. Adams was also much enjoyed in the song, "Love hailed a little maid." Miss Day

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and the Rev. J. H. Chadwick were successful in the duet "Secret voices" (Marsials), as were also Miss Ellen Ward and Mr. H. E. Powell in the pianoforte duet "Spanish Dances" (Mozkowski). The programme being concluded, the Chairman, who had been full of merriment during the evening, referred in eloquent terms to the galaxy of beauty and the musical talent which had been so conspicuous in this splendid entertainment, which had been originated and brought to a successful issue by Bro. Dew, with the object not only of providing a pleasant evening, but of bringing a little grist to the mill—in other words, to replenish the funds of the Cottage Hospital. He (the Chairman) was quite confident that there was great talent in the Oakley Lodge, and when he reported this concert to the Provincial Grand Master, he would no doubt sanction his challenging any other Lodge to produce a body of performers with such great talent and such good looks. Dr. Hayes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Barker for taking the chair, and this having been briefly replied to, the Masonic National Anthem brought the concert to a close. Financially the result has been that Bro. Dew has been enabled to add £20 to the funds of the cottage Hospital.

EUPHRATES LODGE, No. 212.

THROUGH a variety of circumstances, many of which are unforeseen and wholly unpreventable, it occasionally happens that our Lodges have to change their place of meeting, and although in many cases the change is for the ultimate benefit of the Lodge, there are occasions when, either from the loss of old associations, or other causes, the reverse is the case. The brethren of the Euphrates Lodge have just made a change from the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, where the Lodge has met for many years, and we venture to think that the selection they have made for their new home must prove of great advantage to their Lodge in the future, they having been fortunate enough to find accommodation at the Holborn Restaurant, the proprietors of which establishment have lately intimated their willingness to accommodate Lodges, both as regards their actual working as well as at the banquets which follow labour, the lack of which feature has long been, to some extent, detrimental to the establishment being recognised as a Masonic centre. The first meeting of the Lodge at its new quarters took place on Wednesday, the 24th inst., and a departure from the ordinary course of proceeding was made on this occasion, for the ladies were invited to participate in the banquet and festivities which followed. A most successful meeting was the result, and the way in which everything was arranged reflected the greatest credit, alike on the W.M., Bro. W. J. Cooper, his Officers, and the executive of the Holborn Restaurant. Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. W. F. Bassett S.W., T. Boyden J.W., F. G. Burstow S.D., J. West J.D., H. Wagstaff I.G., and the following Past Masters:—W. W. Ricknell, T. Rushton, C. G. Cutler, J. C. Franks, J. Carter, Louis Stean, T. R. Martin, J. J. Marsh, and John Halsey. Having proceeded to submit the minutes of the previous meeting for confirmation, the Worshipful Master advanced the Lodge, and conferred the third degree on Bro. White. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquetting-room, accompanied by their ladies. When all were seated, the assembly presented a most imposing gathering, inasmuch as there were between eighty and ninety guests present, among them being the following visitors to the Lodge:—Bros. W. R. Haylock J.D. 901, G. H. Stephens I.P.M. 1693, Henry Forss I.P.M. 917, W. W. Lee 1897, John Cooper 1471, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, W. Ball 1472, E. Prosser 860, John Day 141, G. Stevens 1076, T. A. Davies 174; with the following ladies: Mesdames Cooper, Glass, Martin, Halsey, Edwards, Bourne, Pryor, Boyden, Taylor, Wallis, Prosser, Allister, White, Davies, Kippel, Smith, Day, Bolton, &c.; Misses K. and E. Halsey, McLean, Ricknell, A. Ricknell, Bassett, Carter, and Woods. At the conclusion of the banquet, which was served in the ample manner which has gained for the Holborn Restaurant its present high reputation, and under the personal superintendence of Brother Hamp, the W.M. gave the customary toasts, in their modified form, having regard to those who were present. Bro. P.M. Martin proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and in doing so spoke of the interest displayed by Bro. Cooper in the welfare of the Lodge, and the efforts he brought to bear to promote the comfort and happiness of its members. After a spirit rendering of "The Men of Harlech," By Bro. E. Prosser, the W.M. rose to reply. Having thanked the company for the way in which they had received the toast, he referred to the gratification he experienced at seeing so large an assembly to do honour to the occasion. He trusted the ladies were enjoying themselves, and hoped they would go away with happy recollections of the evening they had spent with the brethren of Euphrates Lodge. In accordance with the wish of the W.M. Bro. Morgan rose to propose the next toast, the health of the Ladies. He did so with a vast amount of gratification; it had been urged that the brethren were that evening embarking on an innovation that might disturb the harmony and regularity with which the proceedings had for so very many years been conducted, but all who had listened to the remarks that had been made in this regard felt convinced that they were urged, not in a spirit of opposition, but as a mild form of protest. The evening, so far, had gone off most pleasurably; and, in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren, Bro. Morgan said he felt convinced the ladies would appreciate the arrangements that had been made for their enjoyment. Naturally, on such occasions, when the fair sex were assembled, speculation was rife as to how far ladies might participate in Freemasonry, and the question had been asked, "Were there any lady Freemasons?" This had been answered in the affirmative by one of the fair sisterhood present, who had stated she possessed a portrait of a lady Freemason. This he (Bro. Morgan) thought doubtless referred to the portrait of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, who, he might tell the ladies present, had been regularly initiated into Freemasonry. This event occurred when she was a mere girl, and it was recorded, amongst the legends of the Craft, that she afterwards married, and no doubt became the mother of many good and true Masons, some of whose descendants might be present that night. There were other instances on record of lady Freemasons, even in this country; but here, however, the majority of the brethren deemed it advisable that the ladies should confine themselves to the exercise of the virtue of charity, in association with their husbands and brothers. Here they could render valuable service, and if they would avail themselves of the opportunities offered of inspecting the Institutions, more especially on the occasion of the distribution of prizes—an event which would shortly take place at the Royal Masonic Girls' School, at Battersea Rise—they would have an opportunity of seeing the excellent manner in which the girls were trained. Bro. W. W. Lee responded; he expressed the gratification the ladies felt at being present, and hoped that would not be the last opportunity they might have of attending the meetings of the Lodge. For the Past Masters Bro. Cutler replied, and after a few other toasts, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion, the company joining with spirit in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." During the evening some excellent songs were given, by Bros. Wells, Edwards, Lee, Prior, and others. Miss Woods favoured the company with a song—"Is this a dream?"—which she rendered most artistically, while Bros Carter, Woods and Morgan contributed recitations.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT the regular meeting, on the 10th instant, there were present Bros. R. C. Prickett W.M., J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., E. J. Blackwell acting S.W., R. Dowsett acting J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, B. W. Bennett acting S.D., W. Hickie J.D., Chas. Slaughter I.G., J. Sparrow Steward, Past Masters W. Ferguson, E. Margrett, W. W. Ridley, Bros. Biggs, Knight, and Stewart. Visitors—C. Holbrook jun. 2043, F. Blackwell W.M. 414, A. Livings 414. After preliminaries, Bro. E. Margrett P.M. gave a very lucid and interesting lecture. The sum of two guineas was voted from the funds to a case of distress brought before the Lodge. Bro. W. Hickie J.D. gave notice of motion, "That it was desirable greater facilities be afforded to the brethren for perfecting themselves in Masonic Ritual." The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Bro. W. H. Mollindinia, the W.M., was prevented from being present through ill health, and in his absence Bro. Louis A. Leins, the father of the Lodge, presided. The work comprised all three ceremonies, and each was carried out with perfect accuracy. Careful as to the way in which he performed his own work, Bro. Leins was admirably seconded by his Officers. There were four candidates for raising, namely, Bros. Watts, Draper, Park, and Wells, who were conducted through the ceremony two and two up to the obligation, and were afterwards all raised together. Bros. Wainwright and Corsham were then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and lastly, Mr. John Morris Broad, who was proposed by Bro. Chamberlayne, and seconded by Bro. Ferry Sec., and Mr. George Augustus Timme, proposed by Bro. Lovell D.C., and seconded by Bro. W. Smith S.D., were initiated. During the evening the desirability of having a ladies' gathering at next Lodge meeting was considered. Bro. Leins explained this was a matter which could not be disposed of by a resolution of the Lodge, but must depend upon an agreement between the brethren individually. Some desired that the Lodge meeting should be held on the usual Saturday, and that some other day in the week should be fixed to hold the dinner, because if Saturday was adhered to the dance must necessarily be strictly of a Cinderella character. On the other hand it was pointed out that such a proceeding would make the meeting altogether independent of the Lodge—which was not desired—and would moreover increase the expense. It was ultimately agreed by a majority that ladies should attend the banquet, after the Lodge meeting in April, and a Committee was nominated to arrange the necessary details, it being suggested that an unusually early hour should be fixed for opening the Lodge and getting through the work, so as to admit of the possibility of an early dinner hour. After routine work the Lodge was closed. Later on, the brethren and their guests supped together, Bro. Leins presiding. It is often said that Freemasons should not be parties to introducing any one into the Craft whom they would hesitate to introduce to their families; there can be no doubt that Bro. Leins acts on this principle, and he showed his confidence in "his children" as he calls them, of the Perseverance Lodge on this occasion, by bringing three of his daughters—admirable musicians—to enliven the intervals between the toasts. The brethren owe their thanks to Bro. Leins, and their most respectful gratitude to the young ladies themselves. The toasts comprised the Queen and Craft, the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Grand Officers, the Worshipful Master, the Initiates, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Press. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said it was a toast which was always heartily received by the brethren of the Perseverance. The brethren had heard the statement made in Lodge by the W.M. in the chair that Bro. Mollindinia was unable to attend in consequence of illness; this they all regretted, and they sympathised deeply with Bro. Mollindinia. Bro. Leins, however, was always to the fore to fulfil the duties of any absent brother, and there was no one whom the brethren of the Lodge would wish to see in the chair on such an occasion rather than Bro. Leins. He was the father of the Lodge, and there was no occasion to say more. He would there-

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fore simply ask them to be upstanding, and drink the health of Bro. Leins, the W.M. in the chair. In reply, Bro. Leins said he rose with great pleasure to thank the brethren for the very kind way in which his health had been proposed and responded to. It grieved him very much that their W.M. was not with them, though his absence could not be avoided. When the Master of a Lodge was smitten with illness, it was doubtless hard for the sufferer to be deprived of the opportunity of performing his Masonic duties, and it was also hard for the Lodge to be deprived of his services. Such things, however, were unavoidable, and they could only pray that their W.M. might soon be with them again. As for himself, the brethren knew that he did everything he could for the interest of the Lodge of Perseverance. In establishing the Lodge he had met with very good friends, who rallied round him and paid him the compliment of asking his advice; this would always be given freely, and to the best of his ability. It was most gratifying to him to know they were so harmonious. Brother Leins concluded by saying that he hoped he should be a member of the Lodge of Perseverance to the last day of his life, and that they might always be as happy and united as they were now. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. G. Kearney J.W. 1541, J. C. Cross S.W. 902, G. Schadler P.M. 65, A. F. Lay P.M. 1364, J. Phillips 158, R. Dyson J.W. 65, W. F. Packer 1571, J. Lusby jun. 1259, J. Handley 473, R. J. Ward P.M. 3, W. Williams W.M. 902, W. Wyatt 121 Canada, G. D. Bundy P.M. 902, and E. C. Massey.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

THE usual meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday afternoon, the 20th instant. The W.M., Bro. G. Marsden, opened the Lodge in due form at four o'clock punctually, when there were present Bros. J. Voisey S.W., John Hernaman J.W., J. C. Reynolds Treasurer, Charles Wilson Secretary, D. D. Mercer J.D., F. W. N. Smith Organist, Thomas Edward Webb I.G., Gharles Gooding Steward; P.M.'s G. T. Bickerton, B. R. Bryant, J. J. Brinton, P. A. Nairne D.C.; Robert Elgar, Thomas Bradley, W. Andrews, Frederick P. Hunt, Charles R. Scriven, John Arlidge, Alfred Ramage, Thomas Arnold, Henry S. Bigg, W. Andrews, C. F. Cockle, Robert Irvine, Thomas H. Woodward, J. N. Turney, H. H. Hyslop. Visitors—J. H. Hawkins W.M. Prosperity 65, J. Nickal 1539, J. Dixon P.M. 1728, W. Harold Vint 871, Robert Grey 176, W. Jeffery 1625, J. H. Lowry 1472, R. J. Paton J.W., Richard Kimpton W.M. 1728, Henry Lynn I.G. 217, A. C. Bradley P.M. 1216, H. R. Greeat P.M. 507. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. Frederick Pursord Hunt. He next proceeded to raise Bros. W. M. Yardley Andrews and Charles Richard Scriven, who had been passed in the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641. He afterwards initiated Mr. Henry Hector Hyslop into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Several matters had to be postponed until the May meeting. The Lodge at a late hour was closed. The brethen then repaired to an adjoining room, in which Bro. Venables had in readiness a capital repast. On the removal of the cloth the W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the Queen and the Craft; the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. J. J. Brinton I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., to which due response was made. The Initiate was complimented, and this toast was acknowledged. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, for which Bro. Hawkins responded. The Past Masters of the Lodge were not forgotten, and Bros. Brinton, Bryant, Nairne, and Bickerton replied. For the Officers Bros. Wilson, Reynolds, Voisey, and Hernaman responded. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Marsden sang some excellent songs during the evening, and Miss Walker proved her efficiency as an instrumentalist by presiding at the pianoforte. Bros. Voisey, Gooding, and Scriven gave some popular songs. The Tyler's toast concluded a most agreeable evening.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012 — A meeting was held on Saturday, 20th instant, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. Perdue W.M., R. W. Williams S.W., J. Sims J.W., G. Gardner Treasurer, J. Wood S.D., G. Gardner J.D., J. Williams I.G., Weeks Tyler, Ayling P.M., Preceptor A. Tilbury, H. Farze. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to second degree, and Bro. Tilbury was examined, and later in the evening the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed in a very able manner. Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for coming week. Lodge was closed.

The regular meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., the President of the Board, who was supported by the two Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cotterbrune P.G.P. There was a large number of brethren present, while the list of applications to be considered was the largest ever known, being sixty-one in number. The brethren having confirmed their recommendations of the last meeting, proceeded to the consideration of the new cases. Of these, one was dismissed, ten were deferred, and the others were relieved, with a total of £1,071. The grants consisted of seven amounts of £5 each, one of £6, fourteen of £10, eleven of £20, seven of £30, nine of £40, and one of £100.

At a numerously attended regular meeting of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. J. Dellow, in able and eloquent terms, and in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. John Newton P.M. P.Z. with a handsome Past Secretary's jewel, also a testimonial, tastefully engraved on vellum, on his retirement from the Secretaryship, as a mark of esteem, and as a token of the members' high appreciation of the manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office for eighteen years, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren and to the advantage of the Lodge. In returning thanks, Bro. Newton requested, now that he was relieved from the duties of Secretary, to be permitted to write the history of the Lodge, which is in the 118th year of its existence. Permission to do so was readily given, and a strong desire expressed that Brother Newton might long be spared to continue his association with the Lodge of Sincerity. The jewel, which is of exquisite design and workmanship, reflects great credit upon Messrs. Halford and Sons, of Fenchurch Street, by whom it was manufactured.

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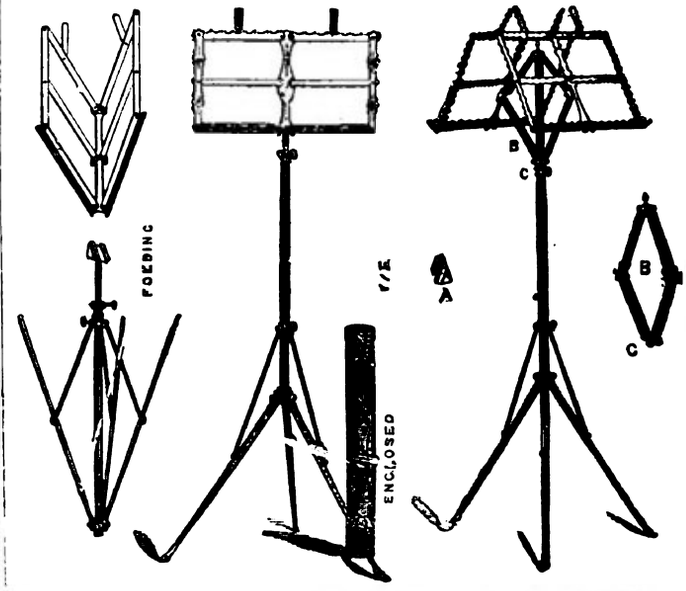

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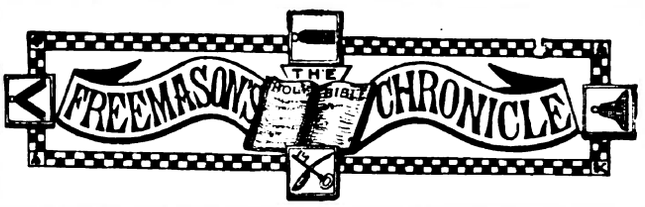

THE FREEMASONS AND THE POOR OF MARGATE.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 16th instant, the Union Lodge, No. 127, Margate, entertained about two hundred of the aged and deserving poor of the town to dinner and tea in the Foresters' Hall. The idea of giving the treat originated about two months ago, at one of the meetings of the Lodge, and it was heartily endorsed by the Freemasons of the town, who, in token of their approval of such a step being taken, subscribed liberally towards defraying the expenses which it would involve. As a preliminary step, a certain number of tickets were sent to the vicars and the ministers of various denominations in the town, upon whom devolved the duty of selecting from among their parishioners and congregations the most deserving cases. A list of names were sent in from the various sources, and they were afterwards scrutinised by the Managing Commitee. This was a task of no ordinary kind, and it is almost needless to add that if twice the number of tickets had been available, they could have been easily disposed of. The dinner consisted of roast beef, roast legs of mutton, roast veal, hams, Christmas puddings, and mince pies, and there appeared to be an abundance of everything. Both for dinner and tea, the caterer was Mr. J. Hume, of High Street, who gave great satisfaction. The guests appeared to be in the best of spirits, and evidently appreciated the liberality and kindness manifested towards them. We may remark that the Committee of Management consisted of the following individuals:—Bros. H. Wootton W.M. (Chairman), J. G. Henning P.M. (Treasurer), W. Jones Lane S.W. (Hon. Secretary), and all Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge. The carvers were:—The Mayor (Councillor H. F. Hermitage), Bros. J. Crawford, J.P., G. Akhurst, Rev. W. Taylor Jones (Chaplain of the Lodge), J. G. Chancellor P.M. P.G.S., A. Wootton P.M., W. Crawford P.M., J. Healing, T. Goodyear, Spencer (Beach House Hotel, Westgate), J. Thurston, J. Fagg, Phipps, and Col. Bamber. The ladies and gentlemen who attended to the wants of the guests were—The Mayoress (Mrs. Hermitage), Mrs. Hindley, Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Newell, the Misses Chancellor, Bro. Block, Bro. S. Pointon, J.P., Miss Pointon, Bro. E. L. Dixson and Mrs. Dixson, Bro. John Reeve, Bro. W. B. Reeve, Bro. W. J. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, Bro. and Mrs. W. Bentley jun., Bro. J. H. Brown, Bro. Buck and Miss Buck, Bro. J. Brighurst and the Misses Brighurst, Bro. Copeland and Miss Copeland, Bro. Gurton, Miss Goodyear, Mrs. Healing and Miss Healing, Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Henning, Bro. Hume, Miss Hume and Master Hume, Bro. A. Latham, Mrs. Fagg, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. C. D. Smith, Mrs. and Miss Akhurst, Dr. White, Bro. and the Misses Wootton, Mrs. H. Wootton, and Bro. Harris. During the repast, selections of music were performed on the pianoforte by Mrs. W. Jones Lane. After dinner, a programme of songs, &c., was gone through. In addition to the guests, a goodly number of the ministers and public of the town were present. The Rev. W. Taylor Jones (Chaplain of the Union Lodge) presided, and amongst others present, in addition to those already named, were the Rev. J. James, Rev. J. Drew, Rev. W. T. Hindley, Rev. G. Bruce Rhind, Rev. D. Lloyd, &c. The programme opened with the selection, "Old Friend John" (Bro. Henning), and the following additional songs were also given:—"Red, White, and Blue," Bro. Stanley; "The Cantineer," Mrs. Owen; "Village Blacksmith," Bro. H. Wootton; "Powder Monkey," Bro. W. Jones Lane; "Tiddly-fol-lol," Master W. Hume; "Tit for Tat," Mrs. J. A. Fagg; "The Little Hero," Bro. Newell; "Johnny Sands," Bro. Staner; and "Auld Lang Syne," Bro. J. Hume. In response to an encore, Mrs. Owen sang, "Home, Sweet Home," and Mrs. Fagg was also recalled and favoured the audience with "Just as Well." Bros. Newell and Staner were honoured in a similar way, and both kindly appeared a second time. Bro. Staner's encore song was "Oh! I'm so volatile," which created a considerable amount of amusement. The same remark will apply to the song given by Master Hume, who, though

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a mere juvenile, acquitted himself very creditably, and betrayed a little of the dramatic instinct. He too, was encored, and responded by repeating the most telling portion of the song. A charming duet, "Two Merry Hearts," was given with fine effect by Mrs. Fagg and Mrs. Owen, who were deservedly applauded. Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Fagg rendered excellent service at the pianoforte as accompanyists. The programme closed with the National Anthem. During the proceedings, the Rev. G. B. Rhind was called upon to speak. He said he supposed he was asked to occupy that position as representing the Vicar of Margate, who was absent from their gathering that day. He was sure that the Vicar would have been very pleased indeed to have been amongst them, and to have expressed the gratitude he felt to the Freemasons for the generous act of that day, and his cordial sympathy with the poor people present. He thought they would be glad to hear that the Vicar was recovering, and that he hoped to be back amongst them again by Easter day, thoroughly restored to health. He had sent a letter to him (Bro. Rhind), expressing the hope that all of them would have a very good day, and said it was a very kindly act on the part of the Freemasons to give them that treat. He (Bro. Rhind) also owed a debt of gratitude to that worshipful body. They applied to him to send them a list of the names of the deserving poor of the parish of St. John's, but he was limited to a certain number. He and the churchwardens had, however, ventured to increase that number very much, and he was very grateful to the Freemasons, for not a single person sent was rejected. A gathering of that kind showed that there is a good feeling existing among the people of the town—that they were bound together in the bonds of charity and goodwill towards one another. He knew a large number of the persons whom he saw before him, and knew that many of them had been much straightened in their circumstances during the present winter, distress having been so prevalent. The Freemasons, however, had proved that they were not insensible to the distress which had been felt by the people residing in certain parts of the town; they had held out the hand of fellowship to them, feeling that, though some of them had been placed in higher and some in lower circumstances in life, yet they were all brothers and sisters together, and that they should be animated with feelings of love one towards another. The Rev. J. James, who was also called upon to say a few words, remarked that a stranger in the town had said to him "What a wonderful good people these are." He thought all of them would feel that it was exceeding thoughtful on the part of the Freemasons to provide that feast, which had been so well anticipated and so great in its profusion and variety, and, he thought he might add, so heartily enjoyed by all who were present—that was, by most of those he saw before him, for many had only seen the fun. The "Masons," they knew, regarded themselves as builders; some of them were even master Masons, and belonged to the Grand Lodge. Now, there were many ways of building. They talked sometimes of "building up the constitution," and he thought that the "Masons" had that day been building up the constitutions of their guests in a very real and true sense indeed. And he thought they would be none the worse for that kind of building up. He only trusted that some other good society in Margate would follow the example now set, and that a feast of the present kind would not be the last they would enjoy during the present year. He remembered that about six years ago there was a dinner of that kind held in the Hall-by-the-Sea, and he thought that it was provided by public subscription. There was a very large number of persons present on that occasion, and then, as now, all who met together were very well pleased with it. Just now, when his mind reverted to that occasion, he could not help thinking, "How many who were with us then have passed away!" He could remember many from his own church and congregation who enjoyed the festivities of six or seven years ago. That afternoon they had had a very touching and beautiful song—all about the sweetness of home, and he dare say that many of them felt, although it was very enjoyable to come there as they had done that day, yet that there was no place like home. Now, he had been asked to say a few words to them about religion, and he accepted the responsibility and the duty with very great pleasure, because he knew that the subject of religion would not be distasteful to the Freemasons, and he was certain it would not be inappropriate, for he knew that a great many of those who were present were always pleased to hear about good things—the best thing. There was a home to which God was calling them, and he had been thinking that afternoon about the place which had been provided for them and for all. With what readiness they had come to that entertainment, and yet it might be that some of them were very dilatory in accepting the invitation to the great feast which God in His love had provided for them. He believed that the true enjoyment of life consisted in associating religion with everything; therefore, he was glad they were prepared that afternoon to hear a few words from him about the claims of God and the blessedness of religion. He would take the opportunity of personally thanking the Freemasons for the kindness they had shown to some of his congregation, and he was sure that all of them would heartily thank the donors of the feast given that day. The Mayor of Margate said he had to thank the promoters of that feast for giving him, as Mayor of the Borough, an opportunity of being present there that afternoon. He appreciated the kindness which had prompted the invitation, which he had accepted as readily as any which had been sent to him since he came to occupy the position of Mayor. He felt that it afforded him a grand opportunity of meeting with many old inhabitants who perhaps did not know him personally—and let him tell the poorest there that the Mayor of the Borough had regard to the humblest as well as to the highest citizens in the town. He was the servant of them all. On the 9th November last he put off self and put on duty, which he had tried honestly and faithfully to perform during the time he had been in the position he now held. He was indeed gratified to be present there that afternoon; it was a pleasure to him. Let them go away with one feeling and desire, and that was, to assist one another just a little—ever so little—and it would redound to their pleasure and come back to them a hundredfold. They had the promise of that in the Old Book. He could assure the Freemasons that gatherings of that kind were likely to do incalculable good, inasmuch as they served the purpose of bringing together various classes of people. The present gathering had shown that the poor had the sympathy and respect of others in the town, and he believed that all of them had felt pleased to be waited upon as they had been at the dinner table. He trusted that the example set by the Freemasons would be followed by others, and he would lend all the assistance in his power to further a movement of that kind. Bro. John Crawford, J.P., said he had been asked, on behalf of the Freemasons, to say how glad they were to see the guests present; it had been their wish that nothing should be wanting. He assured his hearers that there were no secrets in the Lodge; all they had was a spirit of charity and brotherly love to all, and as a proof of this, they did not forget their poorer brethren, but endeavoured to help them in every possible way. He hoped they had enjoyed themselves, and that the Union Lodge would, in course of time, invite them there again. In conclusion he called for three cheers for the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The cheers were heartily given. The Worshipful Master (Bro. H. Wootton), suitably acknowledged the honour done him, but he thought that the other brethren of the Lodge had equals claims to be honoured for helping to provide that dinner. He confirmed the testimony of Bro. Crawford that the objects of Masonry, pure and simple, were to afford relief in times of distress. The Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who he remarked had left his professional duties in order to be present with them that afternoon. The Rev. J. Drew seconded, and the resolution was cordially adopted. The Chairman, in response, said it had been a pleasure as well as a privilege to preside over them that afternoon, and he was greatly obliged to them for the way in which they had received the vote of thanks. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the vocalists and instrumentalists who had so kindly contributed towards the pleasure of all of them that afternoon. This was cordially agreed to, and subsequently tea and other refreshments were served to the company. At a latter stage of the proceedings, the guests having retired, ladies and gentlemen who had attended to their wants partook of a high tea. The chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master, and the vice-chair by Bro. W. Jones Lane S.W. The toasts of the Working Committee, Ladies, Visitors, and Caterer, were proposed and responded to, by Bros. W. Jones Lane, Newell, Harris, and Hume respectively. The proceedings then closed.—*Keble's Gazette.*

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MONTAGUE GUEST CHAPTER, No. 1900.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter took place at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 10th inst. Present: Comps. Montague Guest M.E.Z., G. P. Festa H., F. R. W. Hedges J., S. Brooks P.Z. S.E., H. Slyman P.Z. S.N., E. J. Petts 2nd A.S., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. (Hon. Member), F. Richardson P.G.P.S. (Hon. Member), T. Fenn Pres. B. of G.P. (Hon. Member), F. Philbrick G. Reg. (Hon. Member), R. Henwood, and W. W. Goodman. Visitors:—Comps. J. W. Woolall G. Treasurer, J. Buzzogoli 749, E. Baxter P.Z. 8, A. Fish P.Z. 95, J. Faulkner P.Z. 1423, Hugh D. Sandeman P.G. Supt. Bengal, Raphael Costa P.Z. P.G.D. (Hon Member), T. H. Filton 2, E. Bowyer P.G. Std. B., Raymond Thrupp P.G. Std. B., W. Lake P.Z. 1297 and 1589, and others. Letters of regret at being unable to attend were received from Viscount Holmesdale Prov. G. Supt. Kent, General Brownrigg Prov. G. Supt. Surrey, Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G. Supt. Middlesex, Sir John Monckton, Capt. Philips P.G.S.N., J. S. Eastes P.G. Swd. B., and others. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The M.E.Z. then vacated the chair, which was occupied by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., who had kindly undertaken the duty of Installing Principal. Comp. G. P. Festa was then installed as First Principal, Comp. F. R. W. Hedges as Second Principal, and Comp. Brookes as Third Principal. Comp. Festa then rose and said he had a most agreeable task to perform—viz., to present to the retiring M.E.Z. a Past Principal's jewel. He referred briefly to the satisfaction the Companions felt at having so distinguished a Mason as the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset as their Founder and First Principal. He felt sure the gift would be accepted by him as an expression of the hearty good-will of the members of the Chapter, and he trusted he would live long to wear it. Comp. Montague Guest, who was evidently taken by surprise at this part of the proceedings, thanked the Companions most heartily for the acknowledgment of his services. He trusted he should have the satisfaction of often wearing the jewel at their future meetings. The jewel bore the Montague Guest arms and motto, with the Arch emblems, set with eight diamonds, and was of very chaste design and workmanship; it was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of Comp. Festa. The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry, The M.E. First Principal H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the other Royal Arch toasts, were given and loyally received. Comp. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, in responding for the Grand Officers, said it was always a sign of vitality when a new Lodge took unto itself a Chapter. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, after the lapse of over a century had only just done so. However, Thos in Grand Office always took the kindest interest in the success of Royal Arch Masonry. As the M.E.Z. had said, they had amongst them great names, of which every Freemason should be proud, and it was a Brotherhood that commanded universal respect. Comp. Montague Guest then rose to propose the health of the

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M.E.Z., and the Second and Third Principals—all good and worthy Masons. He had during the past year ample opportunities of observing the zeal and ability of Comp. Festa, to whom the success of both the Lodge and Chapter was in a large measure due, and who was extremely popular in the Craft. He was ably supported by Comps. Hedges and Brooks, and the other Officers of the Chapter. He himself retired from office with the certain knowledge that his successor and his Officers would perform their duties with credit to themselves and the Chapter. Comp. Festa, in response, said he hardly knew how to express to Comp. Montague Guest his thanks for the flattering remarks he had used in reference to himself. If in the position of M.E.Z. he should succeed in obtaining their approval, he should be perfectly satisfied, and he could only express a hope that when he left that chair he should deserve their thanks as much as his predecessor. Comp. Festa then proposed the health of the retiring First Principal. Comp. Montague Guest thanked the Companions heartily for the reception the toast had met with at their hands. He felt unworthy of the compliment that had been paid him. He had not, perhaps, done all that he should have done during his year of office, but he had felt much pleasure and satisfaction at the position of both Lodge and Chapter, and the compliment paid to him in naming them after himself. He had put down the prosperity of the Chapter especially to the interest taken in it by such Masons as the M.E.Z., to whom it owed its existence. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the Grand Scribe E., Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had generously come forward to help the infant Chapter, for which they hoped they should have grateful hearts. Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke said it was very kind of the M.E.Z. to refer to his services in the way he had done. It seemed but the other day that he had installed Comp. Montague Guest as First Principal, and now he had the pleasure of installing his successor. He was sure the Chapter would have a successful future. The M.E.Z. next proposed the health of the Visitors. No Lodge or Chapter was more pleased than the Montague Guest to entertain their friends. They had present a very distinguished visitor from the other side of the ocean, and he trusted he would take back with him a favourable opinion of English Masonry; they had also present many other Companions, who were too well known to need any words of introduction or commendation from him. Comp. Tilton D.G.M. of the District of New York responded. The next toast was that of the Charities, and the M.E.Z. referred, in very complimentary terms, to the interest taken in the Charities by Comp. Frank Richardson, who was one of the most active and valued members of the Girls' Institution. Comp. Frank Richardson, in reply, said it was a subject on which he could dilate for an hour. He referred to the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution, remarking that it was highly creditable to the Craft that such a large sum should, in these bad times, be collected. The Boys' School was an admirable Institution, but it was with the Girls' School he was more intimately associated, and in this he felt the deepest interest. They could not make them Masons, but they did their best to make them fitted for the battle of life. They were not overworked, but they were well worked, and they must all feel the liveliest satisfaction that the Educational Statistics showed that the Girls' School was at the top of all similar Institutions in England,—these returns proved that the money subscribed by the Craft was well applied, and he trusted the coming Festival of the Girls' School would prove as good as that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The toast of the Officers, responded to by Comps. Slyman and Henwood, brought a very pleasant and successful meeting to a close. We should mention that the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing, the artistes being Signor Maestro Sala, Signor Monori Rocca (late of Covent Garden Italian Opera), and two English artistes from the Criterion Concert.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Prince's.—With pleasure we noticed, on a late visit to this theatre, that although "Enemies" has been performed over sixty times, the piece is almost as attractive as it was during its first week's career. Mrs. Langtry, as Margaret Glenn, plays the part with more power and refinement than she has displayed heretofore. Notwithstanding the first two acts drag heavily, the artistes engaged score well, and certainly make a success of the well-conceived drama in which they are engaged. Special mention should be made of Mr. Coghlan (Richard Darvel), Mr. J. Fernandez (Peter Darvel), Mr. R. Pateman (Daft Willie), Miss Robertha Erskine (Aunt Anne), and Miss Flora Clitherow (Rose Heely).

Grand.—On Monday evening, for the first time on the London boards, was produced a five act drama entitled "Woman against Woman," an adaptation from the French, by Mr. Frank Harvey. The story—depicting as it does a long course of persecution to which the heroine, a young and beautiful woman, is subjected—appeals somewhat to the sympathetic feelings of the audience. Ferdinand, Viscount de Brabannes, the hero, though possessed of considerable property, is of a despondent and sedate turn of mind, and purposes entering a monastery. The Count and Countess de Brabannes, his brother and sister-in-law, being in needy circumstances, endeavour to their uttermost to induce him to carry out his project, as in the event of his so doing all his property would devolve on this said brother. The necessity of inducing the Viscount to at once immure himself becomes imperative, as at this period the Count and Countess learn that a distant relative has bequeathed a magnificent fortune to Ferdinand. Ferdinand, being pressed by the Countess, appoints a time for meeting her and declaring his intention. Meanwhile, he hears of his good luck, and, his eyes being opened to the mercenary object of his relatives, he, to their evident chagrin, announces his intention,—not only not to enter the monastery, but to marry Louise Ferrat, a young lady of poor fortune, to whom he has offered his hand. The conspirators, thus checked in their scheme, do not despair of ultimately attaining their object, and with the connivance and assistance of the Duc de Grandcour, a young man devoid of principle, who has become enamoured of Louise, but has been repulsed by her, commence to work upon the jealousy of the Viscount. The Duc disguises himself in a domino similar to that worn by the Viscount at a masked ball, and finds little difficulty in abducting the unsuspecting Louise. Ferdinand, hearing of his wife's apparent faithlessness, vows vengeance, and having obtained a clue to the culprit, through the instrumentality of Pierre, a lawyer's clerk, immediately follows to the duke's mansion, where he arrives at the moment Louise is about to be subjected to violence. Ferdinand wounds the Duke, and disbelieving the protestations of innocence made by his wife, has her conveyed to the prison for unfortunates. Here Louise is visited by Pierre and Gondinet, a lawyer. They, after hearing her story, set themselves to work to procure her release. Meanwhile, Ferdinand resolves upon leaving the country, but finds himself unable to do so without once more seeing his wife. At the interview which follows she convinces him of her innocence. Happiness, however, does not yet attend the unfortunate couple. The countess and her agents are continually taunting him on the subject of his wife's infidelity, and the dishonour she has brought on him. To put an end to these doubts, the Viscount decides to leave the place where they are surrounded by so many enemies. Before, however, the time for departure arrives, the profligate Duke obtains access to the residence of Ferdinand, and at an interview with Louise he administers a narcotic, intending by that means to accomplish his purpose, but the opportune arrival of Pierre at the moment the opiate has done its work again baulks the villain. He and the Countess, defeated at every turn, now adopt a different method, and endeavour to get the Viscount incarcerated as a madman. The Countess procures an order to commit Pierre to the Bastille, and, threatening him with this, enlists him in her service for the purpose of conveying the deed of interdiction through without delay. Pierre however plays a double game; while pretending to serve the Countess he in fact serving Ferdinand; and the Countess's last weapon recoils. When they apply to the magistrate for the order for incarceration, the conspiracy is revealed, and Ferdinand's sanity and Louise's innocence are fully established, while the three conspirators are ordered into custody. The play is fairly written, and contains some interesting situations, though much that is highly improbable might easily be improved. Miss De Grey, as Louise, performed creditably, but scarcely did justice either to herself or to the part. This in a measure was to be accounted for by the fact that she was suffering from a severe cold, which deprived her of much of the fire and animation she undoubtedly possesses. Mr. Bassett Roe's Duc de Grancour was a well-studied creation, and presented a thorough specimen of the cool, calculating, unprincipled villain, who stops at nothing to serve his ends. Mr. Brodie's Ferdinand was a well-considered performance, whilst Mrs. Clinton faithfully depicted the haughty and treacherous Countess de Brabannes. Mr Jones Finch as the nervous lawyer, and Mr. Fred Charles as Pierre, played with energy and spirit; the latter enlivened the proceedings at every available opportunity, and by his finished acting made a somewhat weak part full of life and energy. The staging of the piece was fairly good, while the dresses were in excellent taste.

Mohawk Minstrels.—The North London pleasure seekers will be repaid just now by a visit to the Mohawk's popular establishment. A new programme has just been prepared, and is given nightly to crowded audiences. Several importations have been made to the troupe, and these meet with a hearty reception. Messrs. Chas. Oswell, Walter Howard, W. C. Hawkins, J. H. Danvers, Thomas Campbell, and the old favourites—Messrs. Ernest Gordon, Little Thomas, James Francis, Will Parker, and F. Russon—all contribute successfully to the evening's amusement. In the second part the management has called in the clever "Pinauds," and they go through their entertainment with a grace and an ease that is marvellous. An operatic selection, by the Mohawk Minstrel's choir, is ably rendered; while Walter Howard's drolleries, with his banjo accompaniment, are as whimsical as ever. The Mohawk's wind up their successful entertainment with a new burlesque burletta by Edmund Forman, entitled "The Smuggler Smuggled." In this Messrs. James Francis, J. H. Danvers, Little Thomas, Will Parker, and F. Russon all contribute successfully to the evening's amusement.

Crystal Palace.—The great annual show of spring flowers and plants, on the 25th and 27th inst., with its fresh and many-hued array of hyacinths, tulips, pelargoniums, cinerarias, daffodils, and other bright heralds of the warmer weather, is an auspicious forerunner of the coming summer season at the Crystal Palace. The season itself will be formally opened on Saturday, 1st May, by a colossal performance of Gounod's popular oratorio, "The Redemption." Gounod's work, by reason of its great subject, no less than by the massive breadth of its treatment, is specially suited for production on the scale associated with Handel Festivals, and possible nowhere else than at the Crystal Palace, where there is an orchestra capable of accommodating many thousands of executants, and a musical organisation equal to the greatest tasks that can be imposed on it. The solo vocalists engaged for the performance are Madame Albani, Miss Annie Marriott, and Madame Patey, Messrs. Edward Lloyd, F. King, and Santley. The chorus will consist of about 3000 voices, the nucleus being the thoroughly trained London contingent of the Handel Festival Choir; and the orchestral accompaniments will be sustained by some hundreds of the most skilled executants in the kingdom; the whole being under the bâton of Mr. August Manns.

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WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THE brethren of this Lodge have every reason to be proud of the success which has attended their working during the few years they have been in existence. They have secured for themselves a reputation for smartness, for benevolence, and for hospitality, which many Lodges much older, and with far more experience, have not yet gained; and, if they only continue as they have commenced, the Lodge will become a source of advantage to all who may become associated with it. The installation meeting of the present year took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Public Hall, Carshalton, when the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Baldwin Prov. G. Standard Bearer, the Worshipful Master, who was well supported by the Officers and brethren of his Lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, some alterations in the bye laws of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. John G. Horsey P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. were agreed to, as also was a proposition by Bro. William Pile P.M., "That a Past Master's jewel, of the value of five guineas, should be presented by the Lodge to Bro. James W. Baldwin in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office as Worshipful Master." Bro. William Henry Ransom, of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, was next proposed as a joining member, and was accepted in due form. Bro. James W. Manley was passed, and the report of the Audit Committee was received. The next business was the installation of Bro. Alfred Bishop S.W., and W.M. elect. He was presented to the Worshipful Master by Bro Horsey, and regularly installed. He afterwards invested the following as his Officers—J. W. Baldwin P.G. St.B. I.P.M., F. Carter S.W., W. Bassett J.W., W. R. Crowe P.M. Treasurer, L. A. Mesquita P.M. Secretary, G. W. Filmer S.D., H. E. Aslett J.D., J. G. Horsey P.M. Past P.G.D.C. D.C., J. A. Taylor I.G., W. Harwood W.S., J. Rowcastle Organist, A. Rowley Tyler. The ceremony of Installation was then completed, after which Bro. Bishop presented the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to Bro. Baldwin. The duty of making the presentation was a most pleasurable one, as he felt the jewel had been worthily earned, and most heartily deserved. Brother Bishop hoped Brother Baldwin would continue in good health for many years to wear it. The Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, where a banquet awaited them. After the toast of the Queen had been honoured, Brother Bishop proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M. No words could add to the lustre of fame that surrounded the Grand Master, indeed he might say no recommendation was needed; the toast commended itself to every Mason who was cognisant with the doings of the Order. After "God Save the Prince" by Bro. Rowcastle, the toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past was given; Bro. Bishop said he had not sufficient acquaintance with the Officers of Grand Lodge to personally sound their praise; but he thought the strongest testimony that could possibly be borne to the manner in which their duties were carried on in England lay in the fact that so small a number of complaints were brought forward. Where a society is ruled over with so much unanimity, with so little attempt at discord, it spoke well for the governing body, and that fact in itself was sufficient to recommend the toast. In speaking of the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, Brother Bishop said that all those brethren who had the opportunity of seeing General Brownrigg in his official capacity were aware that he performed the duties of his office well. He might be a little bit of a martinet with junior Officers occasionally, but he did a considerable amount of good, and they respected him all the more for his soldierly strictness. A more satisfactory Provincial Grand Master it would be difficult to find, and he was sure that the brethren would all have great pleasure in drinking his health. The W.M., in proposing the next toast, said that as they got on with the toast list they got nearer and nearer home. They now came to the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. It was within the knowledge of a good many brethren that on the departure of Bro. Arnold to the western hemisphere his position had in a sort of temporary semi-official manner been filled by Brother Greenwood P.P.G.S.W. and Prov. Grand Secretary. He had hoped that Brother Charles Greenwood would have been present on this occasion, but the brethren would be pleased to learn that had he been nominated as Deputy Provincial Grand Master by the Provincial Grand Master. They had two Provincial Grand Officers present, namely, Bros. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. and Baldwin, who was still in collar as Provincial Grand Standard Bearer. He did not know that he could say anything more than that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was carried on with a minimum amount of friction, which spoke for the tact of the Grand Officers. With this toast he would couple the names of Bros. Horsey and Baldwin. Bro. Horsey said he thanked the W.M. for giving him priority of speech, though he doubted whether a live Standard Bearer was not of more importance than a past Director of Ceremonies. He thanked the W.M. for his kind words, especially in regard to their much esteemed Bro. Charles Greenwood, who had been promoted, as they had just heard. They all deplored the loss of Brother Arnold, but they must also rejoice in seeing Brother Arnold's place taken by Brother Greenwood, than whom no one had done more for the Province of Surrey. He had for some time known that Brother Greenwood was to succeed Bro. Arnold, and at Chertsey the other day it was formally announced. Brother Greenwood then stated he had served the Province for thirty years as Grand Secretary. In hailing him as their D.P.G.M. they would look forward to as prosperous times in the future as they had in the past under Bro. Arnold. After a brief acknowledgment by Bro. Baldwin, this brother said those present might have noticed he had taken the gavel in hand; this he had done to propose the health of their Worshipful Master. It was a duty he was very proud of, though he was afraid that his poverty of speech would not allow him to do justice to the occasion. The brethren had watched Bro. Bishop's career in the Lodge, and had seen that in every office he had occupied he had performed his duties in a satisfactory manner; at last he had attained the highest honour the Lodge could bestow; and he felt certain that Bro. Bishop's future work would be equally satisfactory with his work in the past, and that he would perform the duties attached to the office of Master as efficiently as he had fulfilled all his other duties in the Wallington Lodge. The brethren knew perfectly well that whether he had opportunity or not, he was perfectly able to do the work. He was sure that he was expressing the feelings of all present when he prayed that Bro. Bishop might have a happy year of office. In reply the W.M. thanked the brethren very much for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He rose with diffidence and pleasure to address them—with diffidence lest he should be unable to carry out the duties of his position to their satisfaction—and with pleasure because he was well assured of their kindly feeling. Those who knew him knew he would endeavour to do his best. He was particularly proud to be in that chair—for one especial reason, he happened to be the first initiate in the Wallington Lodge who had had the satisfaction to attain the chair. It was but a short four years ago since he was initiated, and although he did dream of the possibilty that he might some day reach that position he had not the faintest expectation of doing it so soon. He had to thank not only those who had elected him, but those who had preceded him, because there were some who by reason of seniority ought to have been in the position he now held, and he felt that he owed it to their kindness as well as to the vote of the Lodge that he was now in the chair. That he had met with the greatest kindness it was possible for a Mason to meet with was a foregone conclusion. From the very first evening when he joined the Craft his experiences of the Wallington Lodge had been pleasant; he had spent many happy hours there. The results of his joining Freemasonry had surpassed his most sanguine expectations; and he trusted that if he was granted life and strength to go through his year of office he should be able to lay down his gavel and pass it to his successor with satisfaction to the Lodge as well as to himself. The next toast was the health of the Visitors, and Bros. Smith, Potts, and Pocock replied. In complimenting the I.P.M., Bro. Baldwin, and the rest of the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Bishop said theirs was not an old Lodge, and had not a long roll of Past Masters. One was far away, while another, who had been present in Lodge, was unable to remain for the banquet. However, they had three very effective Past Masters present—Bros. Baldwin, Horsey, and Pile—and if it were humanly possible that Bro. Baldwin could fail him in the hour of need, he had only to look beyond him to find a Mason of even greater experience. He could not wish for better supporters than Bros. Baldwin, Horsey, and Pile. The brethren all knew them, and all who know them respected and admired them. Bro. Baldwin returned his sincere thanks to the Worshipful Master for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. There was one thing which was always required of a Master—to act up to the three great principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. It was not always that we could carry out these principles as we could wish, but we could all strive to do so. He had striven, and thanked the brethren for overlooking his shortcomings. He thanked them, too, for the very handsome jewel they had given him; it would remind him of a very pleasant and happy Mastership. Their Worshipful Master was going up as a Steward to the Festival of the Boys' School, and he (Bro. Baldwin) had intended to refer to it in Lodge, and take their vote for £5 5s. to be placed on his list. He had overlooked it, however, but he hoped the money would still be forthcoming. Bro. Pile also responded. The toast of the Masonic Charities was given, and Bro. Morgan was called upon for a response. In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Morgan strongly urged on the brethren the desirability of supporting their Provincial Grand Master at the approaching Festival of the Girls' School. He regretted the absence of Bro. Charles Greenwood, who he could wish had been present to respond in his place. Bro. Greenwood was taking a great interest in the coming Festival, and on the previous Monday had been appointed Acting President of the Board of Stewards. The Province had gained a high position by the zeal it had displayed in supporting General Brownrigg four years back, and doubtless the Stewards who would assist the Provincial Grand Master in May next would muster as numerously as they did on that occasion. For the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary Bros. Crowe and Mesquita replied; while the toast of the Officers was fittingly acknowledged by those brethren who had been enabled to remain to this late hour. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the meeting brought to a conclusion. The toasts throughout were interspersed with songs and recitations.

We are asked to state that, by an error, the case of Alice Flora Cook, No. 20 on the List of Candidates for the forthcoming April Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, is incorrectly stated as having both parents living, it should read "father" only.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The diseases common to our rigorous climate, which endanger the constitution, will always exist, though many may be mitigated and their effects removed by timely aid appropriately applied. Holloway's Pills are acknowledged far and wide to be the most effective purifier of the blood, the most certain regulator of disordered organs, and the safest and surest aperient that can be prescribed. This medicine is applicable to all alike, young or old, robust or delicate; it increases the appetite and restores the bowels. After the disorder is subdued occasional uses of these Pills will prevent any relapse, and moreover secure, promote, and unanimously the good results which flow from perfect purity and regularity.

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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 MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1621—Fredeston, 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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sitwell Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at —
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1293—Bartlett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1362—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 29th 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).
618—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Camden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1785—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1808—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1820—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1860—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 30th MARCH.

27—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
111—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
451—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
766—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)
1021—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1364—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)
1548—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Holcsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Troendero, Broad-street Buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1902—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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
[illegible]—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Barford
[illegible]—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
461—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
574—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1338—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1630—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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, 31st MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
29—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
[illegible]—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
77—United Strength, The Hope, Stockleigh Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst)
108—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Lion, Butcher-row, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Stamford-hill, N. (Instruction)
[illegible]—Whittington, Red Lion, [illegible], at 8 (Instruction)
894—Temperance in the East, 6 Newcastle Place, E.
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

[illegible]—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 584 Old Kent Road, S.E. (Instruction)
1621—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1706—Rowland Burne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1901—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Putney, at 7.30 (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Moore Street, Chelsea, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1951—London Scottish, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1706—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 [illegible] Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Dramatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst).
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1284—Woburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 1st APRIL.

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, 193 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Wilcsgate 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, Strutton-ground, 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., at (Instruction)
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1579—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N. [illegible] (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8 (Instruction)
1634—Covent Garden, Belford Head Hotel, Mallen Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1685—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1674—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creation, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, 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, Haverbeck, Albion-st., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 211—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Cumbernauld Union, Maccle field Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
340—Pendle, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
503—[illegible]ces, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bethrng-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
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
1291—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1352—Airedale, Freemasons' Hall, Bingley, Lincolnshire
1424—Dysart, Old Hotel, Tarbolton, Dysartcastle
1504—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Lincolnshire
1570—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1584—Windsor, Castle Inn, Windsor
1673—Pendle, Town Hall, Pendle, Lancashire
1760—Wilmslo, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1854—Red Rose of Lancaster, Sparkle's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Priestley, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1564—[illegible], Red Lion Hotel, Hatton Garden, at 8. (Instruction)
1629—Wellington-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1778—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1857—Royal Wye, Builth, Brecknock
1874—Walsall, George Hotel, Rotherham
2060—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 292—Cinque Ports, New Masonic Hall, Dane-street, Rochford
R.A. 561—Beresford, Corporation Hotel, Fenton-st., Artworks, Ogdenshaw, Man
R.A. 758—[illegible], Saracens Head Hotel, Ilminster, Somerset
R.A. 1036—Edmonton, Masonic Hall, Newstreet, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bentley, Masonic Rooms, Bank-st, Lowestoft
M.M. 54—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 153—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 2nd APRIL.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Joan of Arc Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at —.

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25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
1288—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

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwe
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.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
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
483—Chigwell, Public Hall, 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

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1649—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. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 153 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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

GALLERY LODGE CONCERT.

A CONCERT in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, of which Bro. C. F. Pardon is Worshipful Master, was given at the Brixton Hall, Brixton, on Saturday, the 20th instant. Despite the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance of the brethren and their friends, and the result was not only an artistic but a pecuniary success. The artists successively appearing on the platform, which was tastefully decorated with flowering plants, supplied by Messrs. Horsford and Sons, Brixton Station, were Madame Thayer, Miss Lizzie Mulholland, Miss Bene Fowell, Miss Alma Evelyn, Miss Alice Farren, Mr. Percy Palmer, Bro. Frederick Cundy, Mr. Herbert Jewell, Mr. Henry Horscroft, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz (piano), Bro. W. L. Barrett (flute), M. Theodore Werner (violin), Herr Otto Langey (violoncello), Mr. Sidney Hill (organ), and Mr. Lee Davies (piano). The first-named lady certainly achieved the greatest success of the evening, her rich and powerful soprano being heard to great advantage in an aria from "Il Flauto Magico," and in Eckert's Swiss Echo Song. Miss Lizzie Mulholland gave Braza's "Serenata," to Bro. W. L. Barrett's flute obligato, with her wonted skill and grace. Miss Alice Farren sang Gounod's "Ave Maria," and F. Cowen's "Never again," the latter being the more successful effort. Miss Bene Fowell, a *debutante*, with a pleasant soprano voice, gave a careful rendering of the "Jewel Song" from "Faust," and Hope Temple's "Fond heart, farewell," and Miss Alma Evelyn rendered Pinsuti's "Gates Ajar" in most effective style. Mr. Percy Palmer's opening effort, "I'll sing thee songs of Araby," was requited by a unanimous encore, in response to which he gave Dibdin's "Tom Bowling," and in like fashion he had to supplement Balfe's "Come into the garden, Maud," with "The Distant Shore." He also sang "Stars of the summer's night," which was equally well received. Bro. Frederick Cundy's light tenor voice was well suited to Paul de Faye's "O'er the hills of Normandie," and Birch's "I am waiting," and Balfe's "Good night, beloved," which he gave with much sweetness and feeling. Mr. Herbert Jewell has also a pleasant tenor voice, and had reason to be gratified by the reception accorded to his singing of "Tell her I love her so," and "Alice, where art thou?" Mr. Henry Horscroft's powerful tones and skilled execution were well displayed in Loder's "Diver," "The yeoman's wedding song" (Poniatowski), and Watson's "Two Bells." Among the instrumentalists, it is hardly necessary to say that Bro. Ganz (Past Grand Organist) took the lead by his performance of Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata, and of a pianoforte solo of his own, embodying the Nightingale's Trill," and "Qui Vive." M. Theodore Werner played Sarasate's violin solo, "Spanish dances," with feeling and brilliancy. Her Otto Langey executed a reverie of his own on the violoncello, and Bro. W. L. Barrett a pot pourrie of Scotch airs, also arranged by himself, on the flute, in bright and clever fashion. Kalliwoda's "Trio in D," for violin, violoncello, and pianoforte, was adequately rendered by M. Werner, Herr Langey and Mr. F. F. Baffen, and Mr. Sidney F. Hill gave several organ solos with good effect. The absence of the Worshipful Master and one of the concert hon. secs. (Bro. Basil Cook), from indisposition, were the only drawbacks to a very enjoyable evening; through the exertions of Bros. H. Massey P.M., W. O. Goldsmith S.W., J. C. Duckworth J.W., R. J. Albery, W. T. Perkins, F. H. Gale, and A. MacNeil (who officiated in the onerous but gracious office of Wine Steward in most admirable style), went far towards supplying this loss. Messrs. J. Brinsmead and Sons kindly lent one of their grand pianofortes for the occasion.

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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WE have before us a bulky volume, containing an Abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdictions thereunto belonging, being Extracts from the Minutes of its Emergent, Quarterly, and Annual Grand Communications for the year 1885. The minutes are set out in copious detail, and comprise many matters of general interest to the Craft; dealing with several appeals, in which it was considered, and very justly, that had the charges brought forward been referred to a Committee to report as to their sufficiency, it is highly probable that they would never have reached Grand Lodge at all. In one particular case a lengthy trial took place, in which forty-eight witnesses were examined, and 214 manuscript pages of testimony taken, with the attending personal friction and feeling; all of which the report sets forth "might have been avoided." The charge alleged that a certain brother was not a suitable person for advancement; but it was decided that there was not even the obscurest hint in the record that his conduct, since he was made a Mason, had been in the least degree questionable. Therefore Grand Lodge had nothing before it but moral delinquencies, alleged to have occurred, not only before his initiation, but before his petition was approved. The principle, therefore, was laid down that had the accused never become a Mason, the Craft could not have exercised the power of discipline over him; and it is equally clear that they had no jurisdiction over a Mason for offences committed by him whilst he was a profane, for Grand Lodge can only discipline a Mason for Masonic offences, and Masonic offences can only be committed by Masons. The decision goes on to say, "The immoral life of a profane is certainly no reproach to Freemasonry, and consequently cannot be an offence against its laws, nor can it possibly become an offence should he afterwards be admitted as a member of the Fraternity. It is otherwise, however, with the immoral life of a Mason, for then it becomes a Masonic offence, and falls under the jurisdiction of Masonic authority." It was contended, however, that as the charge alleged that the accused was not under the tongue of good Masonic report, he was initiated in violation of the Landmark; but Grand Lodge held that such a question could not be raised. If a Landmark were indeed violated, the Lodge was the offender, and not the accused; and that was not the way to reach the remedy. If a charge could be sustained, the accused would have to be punished, by either reprimand, suspension, or expulsion, all of which recognise the regularity of his initiation, and, as a consequence, rebut the suggestion that a Landmark was violated in his making. If a Landmark were violated, the action of the Lodge was necessarily void, but that result could be ascertained in any other way than by proceeding directly against the Lodge, for it must be manifest to every one that the integrity of the action of a Lodge cannot be impeached through an accusation against one of its members. The Lodge must have notice of the charge against it, and opportunity to defend its action. Without indicating any opinion whether the Grand Lodge could investigate the action of a subordinate Lodge in determining that an applicant is under the tongue of good Masonic report, it is suggested that, should such a right be sustained, and G. Lodge should adjudge that the applicant was not under the tongue of good Masonic report, the Grand Lodge might have an equal right to reverse the unfavourable action of a Lodge in such a case, and order that the applicant be initiated. The committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the case, said it seemed clear that the Grand Lodge would be slow to inquire into the action of a subordinate Lodge in determining whether or not an applicant was under the tongue of good Masonic report, should it ever assert its right to do so. Upon this, the appeal was dismissed.

At the Quarterly Communication, held at Philadelphia in Sept. last, a circular letter was received from the M.W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, announcing the death of R.W. Bro. John Francis Regnault, Grand Treasurer, which was ordered to be entered and filed; as also was a letter from the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, announcing the death of R.W. Bro. Aurelio Almeida, Grand Secretary. A proclamation and edict from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to the effect that all intercourse should cease with any Lodge holding allegiance to any foreign Grand Lodge, and meeting in that Province. Several Lodges which had been suspended for want of returns had made amends, and were revived. The number of Lodges in the jurisdiction in the year ended 27th December 1884 was 379, and the total number of members 37,175. A list of the Lodges, where held, and the times of meeting, are then given, followed by an original, important, and deeply interesting Masonic document, connected with the early History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla Grand Warden stated that it was the oldest original Masonic Lodge Report in America, and that the original is now in the possession of C. T. Ingham, Esq., of Atlantic City, New Jersey, who inherited it, among a number of old papers of David Hall, for many years the partner in the printing business of Bro. Benjamin Franklin, in whose handwriting it appears to be throughout. It is signed by eleven brethren, all of whose names appear in Liber B as members of St. John's Lodge. It reads as follows:—

Gentlemen of the Lodge,—The Committee you have been pleased to appoint to consider of the present State of the Lodge, and of the properest Methods to improve it, in obedience to your commands have met, and, after much and mature Deliberation, have come to the following Resolutions:—

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2. That every Member may have an Opportunity of so doing, the present Cash be laid out in the best Books of Architecture, suitable Mathematical Instruments, &c.

3. That since the present whole Stock is not too large for that purpose, every Member indebted to the Lodge pay what is from him respectively due on Monday night, the nineteenth Instant, that so the whole being ready by the 24th of June, may be sent away by the first Opportunity. And that every one not paying that Night, be suspended till he do pay: For without Care be taken that Rules are punctually observed, no Society can be long upheld in good Order and Regularity.

5. That the use of the Balls be established in its full Force and Vigour; and that no new Member be admitted against the will of any present Member; because certainly more Regard ought to be had in this way to a Brother who is already a Mason, than to any Person

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who is not one, and we should never in such cases disoblige a Brother, to oblige a Stranger.

6. That any Member of this Lodge having a complaint against any other Member, shall first apply himself to the Wardens, who shall bring the Cause before the Lodge, where it shall be consider'd and made up, if possible, before the Complainant be allow'd to make that Complaint publick to the World: the Offender against this Rule to be expell'd.

The chief features in the next Quarterly Communication were the "donating" of 500 dols. towards the relief of Masonic brethren, their widows and orphans, of the city of Galveston, Texas, from the effects of loss by fire on 13th November 1885; the election of Officers and Trustees to serve the ensuing Masonic year; an edict commanding all brethren of that Grand Lodge to hold no Masonic intercourse with any member or members of any Lodge existing in the Province of Quebec enrolled on the register of any foreign Grand Lodge other than that of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and the appropriation of 3,000 dols. to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund. Voluminous financial tables are then given, which, no doubt, possess local interest.

At the Annual Grand Communication, held in Philadelphia on 28th December 1885, the R.W. Grand Master Bro. E. Coppée Mitchell delivered a lengthy and practical address, occupying over twenty pages of printed report. In giving a review of the occurrences of the year, he opens by saying everything had been exceptionally peaceful in the Craft. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was in harmony with all the Grand Lodges recognised by it, and nothing had occurred to interfere in the slighest degree with these pleasant fraternal relations. The correspondence with Grand Masters of several jurisdictions had been conducted with brotherly kindness, and there had not been the slightest occasion for any discord or harsh feeling. After referring to the Masonic dedication of the Washington monument, in Washington City, where the Officers of the Lodge were courteously and fraternally received by the M.W.G.M. of the District of Columbia and the brethren of that Grand Lodge, he reports a number of Grand representatives of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodges of other jurisdictions, and the initiation at sight of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Wm. Stevens Perry, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Iowa, of whom he says:—

The gentleman who was thus made a Mason had been long personally known to me as suitable in every particular for the distinction which was conferred upon him,—a ripe scholar, a distinguished clergyman, and an honest man. I have since been informed that he has connected himself with the Craft in the State of Iowa, by joining a Lodge in the City of Devonport, where he resides. The Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Iowa will be pleased to receive the work we have done upon this most suitable material.

Everywhere, except in a few places for which special reasons exist, the Grand Lodge seem to have entered upon a prosperity and good fortune. Lodges which have, for a long time, needed few or no additions to their membership are receiving applications from that class of the community whom we especially desire to see among us. There can be no better evidence of Lodge prosperity than this. He then enlarges upon the vital importance that new members brought into a Lodge should be chosen from the best in the community in which the Lodge exists; and adds, "it is the character of the members, rather than their number, that gives tone to a Lodge and fixes its position in the respect of the community in which it is situated." Having acknowledged the services rendered by the Deputy District Grand Master, he observes that "we have endeavoured to preserve the ancient work of the Craft in all its didactic purity, while in some other places the disposition to dramatise has been yielded to. If we are to keep our ancient Ritual it must be by constant watchfulness against the tendency to imitation, which is one of the instincts of human nature." It had been his unpleasant duty, during the year, to issue a large number of edicts, in a great many cases declaring void the admission of members to Lodges, and the initiation of candidates. He had not been unmindful of the fact that in taking this method of rectifying the onus of a Worshipful Master, or the Secretary of a Lodge, the punishment falls most hardly upon the innocent man who has nothing to do with the unlawfulness of the method by which he has been taken into the Lodge; and if another way of satisfying his obligation to see the regulations of the Grand Lodge fully expressed could have been discovered, he would gladly have taken it. A number of Dispensations had been granted during the year, chiefly to hold special elections for W.M. or one or more Wardens, or Treasurer or Secretary, and sometimes to elect all the Officers. He then speaks of the satisfactory work witnessed while paying an official visitation to the Lodges in Reading, Pottsville, Bloomsbury, Wilkesbarre, Manch Chunk, and Easton, where he was received in a truly loyal and fraternal spirit. The corner-stones had been laid of the "Packer Memorial Church of the Lehigh University," at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and a monument to the poet Schiller, in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. The financial condition of the Grand Lodge was very prosperous, the income being sufficient for all calls made upon it. They had been able, out of the income of Grand Lodge, to place in the Sinking Fund, during the year 1885, the sum of 15,000 dols., and he looked upon this Sinking Fund as a most important factor in the future prosperity of Grand Lodge. It now amounts to over 325,000 dols. securely invested. Coming to the question of Charity, with which he concludes his address, he says this is the vitalising spirit of our Fraternity, the source of our strength and power in the world; the very reason why we should exist as a society. In the exercise of this, the chief—

Of the cardinal virtues, I am aware that the brethren of Pennsylvania have not been remiss. But as a G. Lodge we possess two large funds devoted exclusively to Charitable uses,—the G. Lodge Charity Fund and the Stephen Girard Charity Fund. At our last Communication a Special Committee was raised to take into consideration the methods of dispensing the Charities of the Fraternity in the State, including the disposition of the income arising from these two funds. I do not desire to forestal the action of that Committee, but it may not be out of place to notice the immediate demand which prompted Grand Lodge to authorise its appointment. It is that a system may be put into operation by which the worthy brother who needs *immediate* assistance and cannot wait, may have his case properly investigated *without delay*, and the relief suited to his wants promptly afforded.

No doubt Brother Stephen Girard, in his varied experience as a merchant and mariner trading with many foreign countries, had in mind, when he established the fund which bears his name, the many vicissitudes in life in which a worthy and respectable man, abundantly able, under ordinary circumstances, to maintain himself, might find himself, through sickness, shipwreck, or other accident, far from home; a stranger in a strange land, perhaps not even understanding the language spoken around him, penniless and friendless. Where could such an one go for help? If a Freemason, he would naturally, inevitably, properly, go where he knows *he has a right* to recognition and relief; where, although a stranger, he is sure to find friends and to be recognised as a Brother by his Brethren.

So precious and sacred a privilege as this, which can never be refused recognition, should be jealously guarded against imposture. We ought carefully to mature a plan by which we secure to the worthy Brother the absolute certainty of receiving the assistance which he has a right to expect; and just as thoroughly enable ourselves to detect the impostors who by fraudulent arts endeavour to share in the benefits to which they are not entitled.

Appended to the volume is a lengthy report of the Committee of Correspondence for 1885, with which we have not space now to deal, but which is full of interest, not only to our Transatlantic brethren, but to many on this side of the "pond," including, as it does, many interesting communications with the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Lodge of England.

WHO IS FIRST?

FROM the utterances of most writers and speakers it appears that a great many persons believe that a Grand Master is an Officer of much higher Masonic character, and charged with more exalted duties and functions in Symbolic Masonry, than the Master of a Symbolic Lodge. Doubtless some Grand Masters are of the same opinion, and not only regard themselves while in the "Grand East" as far more important characters in the Masonic scheme than any others whomsoever, but ever afterward when the grand gavel has, like the sceptre of a dethroned monarch, slipped from their grasp, they still cherish a fondness for lingering superfluous on the oriental stage or "platform," as the station of the East might now be termed, as though Masonry has some use or occupation for them there.

For the most part, the Grand Masters of Masons have well understood their position, and have recognized in every Worshipful Master an equal, if not in all things or anything pertaining to the society of Masons, yet in that most important and exalted station known to Symbolic Masonry, beyond which it is impossible for a Mason to advance.

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If any Grand Master would reflect that the highest possible Masonic function consists in lawfully conferring the degrees of Masonry, and especially in opening and closing and celebrating the sublime degree of the Master—an office which cannot be performed by "King, Prince or Potentate of Earth, except he be a Mason," he might well realize that it was not to a higher Masonic position in the great Symbolic Lodge that he had been elevated, but to a more important station in the secular organization of a society. If a man be elevated to a higher position in Masonry, that will remain with him, though every Lodge in the world should be disbanded: but there are only three positions in Masonry by degree: beyond these all exaltation ceases. Added to these is the dignity and office or function of those who open and close and rule the Lodge. Of these the Worshipful Master is the chief, and rises above the Wardens, somewhat as does the Master's degree above those of the Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice: and with this similarity between the two instances, that if the less or lower do not exist, the higher and greater has no place.

The Grand Master—as presiding Officer of the Grand body so far as it is instituted for the purpose of caring and providing for the material and secular interests of the society of Masons, the enactment of laws and solving by authority the questions springing out of its system of jurisprudence—may be justly said to hold a very honourable and useful position, and one which is indispensable to the society, and the same may be said of him in his capacity as the chief of its executive magistracy. But in all this he differs in nothing important or essential from the presiding and executive Officer of any other society of laudable object and a considerable number of members, of equal average intelligence. But for what is the Masonic Grand Body instituted? It is simply to keep up a solution of knotty questions, and make provision for carrying itself on and to maintain a chief Officer, and rites and ceremonies peculiar to its system or organization? If this were all, what would the Masonic institution be, more than any one of a thousand associations whose peculiarities merely serve to distinguish them from each other? Instead of anything like this, the very object and end—the reason for the being of the Masonic Institution is to put in effect and maintain in efficient energy and action that great mission or function with which the Masonic Lodge is charged; the perpetuation and dissemination of those important truths and knowledges, and that sublime philosophy of charity, fraternity and humanity, together with the mode and order of their inculcation, which make up what we call in ancient phrase, the "mysteries" of Masonry. Take away this and the society has nothing left which it can assert to be exclusively its own.

It is clear that the very object for which the Masonic Lodge, Grand or constituent, is formed and has its being, is the dissemination, perpetuation and enjoyment by its members of Masonry, in the highest and best sense of that term;—all other considerations involved, however much regarded, are either subsidiary or incidental to this supreme end of the Institution. Yet, in view of this, What is the very highest, and it may be said the central and characteristic function of the Lodge in the whole scheme of its offices, operations and duties? Manifestly the conferring of the sublime degree, which is the culmination and completion of its symbolic work, or "mysteries," for the sake of which both Grand and Symbolic Lodges exist. Such being the case, since the Grand and Worshipful Master are each invested with equal power, capacity and authority to perform the chief duty and office possible in Masonry; the one in his strictly Masonic character, which is the highest he can assume, is equal in every respect to the other, and neither greater nor less. When each has held this most exalted position in Masonry during his allotted time, the gavel passes from his hand, and he is remitted to the floor as the equal of his brethren and no more, save that out of respect and by the voluntary courtesy which suggests itself to magnanimous and fraternal minds, he is treated as first among his fellows; and here again these two Masters stand equal to each other, and not otherwise. Nevertheless, in official position, for all purposes concerning the welfare and external dignity and influence of the society, the Grand Master is all which is claimed for him, and his responsibility as custodian of the work, and as executive-in-chief, and his powers of discretion in many cases, render him the head and front of the Fraternity for the time being.

Nothing in the foregoing is uttered in disparagement of our Grand Masters, nor to encourage any Worshipful Master to esteem himself on account of his position more highly than he ought, but to call to the minds of all Masters, Wardens and Brothers throughout the Lodges that there is something in the "Craft of Masonry" which is far more exalted and valuable than any merely official position considered apart from the Masonic work, or that can be found in any benevolent or social organization outside the Lodge—and which characterizes Masonry alone—and besides this, to put in a clearer light the degree of responsibility which devolves upon the occupant of the oriental chair, in every particular Lodge, as well as upon the Grand Master of the jurisdiction. This responsibility arises from the transcendant value of the principles and order embodied in the work committed to the charge of the Worshipful Master for the time being, as the authorized representative of the Masonic body at large, and successor of a line of illustrious Masters, and especially as the chief symbolic character in the sublime system of the Lodge.

The intelligent and reflecting Master, in view of the character which he sustains in the work, which is the all in all of Masonry, cannot look with indifference upon his part in such a drama as is presented in the three degrees, nor consent to allow himself to discharge the principal office therein in a merely perfunctory manner, according to the letter of the ritual, and there stop, nor to permit the like to be done by those under his direction so far as it may be in his power to prevent it. But he must be continually urged by a noble sense of his duty to the Craft and to himself to use every effort on his own part, and promote assiduity in those about him, in acquiring more and more thorough knowledge and understanding of the things contained in the body of Symbolic Masonry; that he and they may be, each in his station, a veritable light of the Lodge, for all Masonic purposes.

Nothing short of skilful and persistent effort on the part of the Master and other Officers and influential members of the Lodge can prevent the further lapse of the mind of the Fraternity from a just sense and appreciation of the intrinsic excellence of the Masonic Institution, and from a clear insight into all which renders it different from, and superior to, every other form of benevolent and social fellowship; until there will be nothing left in view of the craftsmen but that which may be found everywhere among modern relief and benevolent societies. For this lapse is continually going on, as all can see, and, like every other movement of downward and retrograde tendency, is accelerated as it goes.

The fact that aside from the honour and dignity flowing from ancient establishment, and wide extension of its institutions, together with the worthy character of its numberless votaries, there is still something in Masonry so exalted and precious in the eyes of the humane and magnanimous, that the charge of its custody and maintenance invests the office of a subordinate society with a capacity and function the same as the most exalted which can be attributed to the head of the whole Grand Jurisdiction, is the very fact which demonstrates the superiority of the Masonic Institution over every other which lays claim to a similar character. For every one can see that nothing like this can be supposed in the case of any other society or fraternity which exists to-day. For all such, even though universal charity, liberty and order should be as prominent features of their characters as of Masonry itself, would still lack the internal and essential characteristics of Ancient Craft Masonry, involved in its incomparable degrees. And since, as said above, this peculiar excellence of the degrees is that which endows with dignity the office of him who is charged with the ministration of their secret wisdom and beauty; they cannot for a moment be ranked with mere conventional ceremonies, however imposing, nor their utterances treated as well-ordered examples of declamation for the temporary admiration of the neophyte or others being present, but they stand in comparison with such as the illumination of a veritable philosophy, with the glitter of a school-boy's effusion on exhibition day.

The habit of bringing into the Lodge the forms and practices found in all sorts of associations—not even excepting political conventions—tends continually to withdraw the attention of all from the proper and peculiar methods and usages of the Lodge, and thereby to the effacement of all external distinctions which isolate it from imitative societies, until the internal characteristics are no longer kept in view, and the degrees come to be regarded as mere

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appropriate ceremonies which the Officers must see to, and if they be conferred without confusion or omission all is well.

When Master and members have reached this stage of declension in their appreciation of Masonry (that is, if they ever had any) the whole system takes its place in their minds alongside of the host of modern orders, and the inducement to uphold the dignity of the Masonic Institution is at an end, and Masonry in its sublime aspect is lost. To counteract this tendency, everywhere exhibited, towards an utterly inadequate and false conception of what the Symbolic Lodge really is, all Grand and Worshipful Masters, as being first in responsibility, should make no delay in aiding to restore in the minds of the brethren the knowledge and understanding of the things contained in the degrees, both severally and collectively. But this is not to be done either by patience or perseverance in the perusal of Masonic orations or the discursive effusions which reiterate the stereotyped eulogies on Masonry, its antiquity and grandeur, however forcible and eloquent, or appropriate to the occasion which may have called them forth. The Craft have always been abundantly supplied, if not snowed under with this kind of literature, and all the time have learned nothing to the point. The reasons are two: First, nothing can be put in print, even if the author knew what to put there, except such matters as may be a guide to those who will study Masonry where it is to be found; and, second, no attempt is made to show anything by any sort of proof or demonstration which can properly be written. The writings commonly published make no attempt even at this. They continue repeating in varied phrase what has been uttered through generations, each writer relying with child-like simplicity on the authority of the one who last preceded him, and he on his predecessor, and so on back, while all the time nothing is shown. Imagine an advocate appearing before a court to "show cause" for or against a rule or decision of any sort, who should indulge in a long eulogy of his client and a diatribe of an hour on the time-worn subjects of justice, liberty and the glories of the Fourth of July and the battle of New Orleans, until choked off by the court. Could anybody learn from this, though repeated every day for a year, whether his client should have a rule or not? Such is the case with Masonic utterances not intended to show anything of the true lore of the Lodge, but only to compose excellent sentences into agreeable discourse, with more or less force and beauty, concerning Masonic sentiments and the principal objects of the Craft.

Now, without laying aside the countless treasures of thought which are to be found in the literature above mentioned, the Master or Grand Master who may desire to restore Masonic light to the craftsmen whom he represents, must put himself to study, not from books, except as to a few particulars, but from the things contained in the Lodge—the proper and only storehouse of esoteric Masonic knowledge. He need not be afraid that he will exhaust the subjects which will successively spring up in his pathway of exploration, or that Masonry will fail to demonstrate itself in the fulness of its admirable order, if it be sought out with the same astuteness and perseverance which the students of science exercise in bringing to light the secrets of the natural universe.—*Voice of Masonry.*

WHAT BRO. PIKE BELIEVED IN 1871 AND WHAT HE BELIEVES NOW.

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IN Bro. Pike's "Masonic Origins," he admitted, as I shall show hereafter, that the degrees of the York Rite and of the Scottish Rite were alike modern. But in 1871 Bro. Pike issued a pamphlet, in which he denied the truth of the traditions of the so-called York Rite, but still clung to the notion that the Scottish Rite was ancient.

By way of a preface, I must inform the reader that in 1867 Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley edited a paper in St. Louis, called *The Freemason*, and that he was at the time Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and also Grand Master of the Missouri Templars. Bro. Gouley was then a firm believer in the traditions of the York or American Rite, consisting of three Blue degrees, four Royal Arch degrees, three Templar degrees, and two or three of Royal Select degrees. About the same time, Bro. Gouley received thirty-two degrees of the A. and A. Rite, when, to his horror, he discovered that in certain degrees of the Scottish Rite, the secrets of the Royal Arch and of the Knights Templars were revealed. This brought on a discussion between the Missouri K.T. and the S.G.C. of the Southern Jurisdiction of the A. and A. Rite, and a number of papers and pamphlets were issued by the combatants. From Rebold and Folger Bro. Gouley learned that the Charleston Frederick the Great Charter was a forgery, that the A. and A. Rite was a new concern; and he charged the A. and A. Riters with having stolen the Templar degree from the York Rite, and even went so far as to get the Missouri Grand Comandry to "boycot" the A. and A. Riters. In 1871 Bro. Pike collected the articles, letters, &c., relating to the said controversy, and combined them in a pamphlet, headed "Vindication of the Ancient and Accepted Rite against certain libels." The first part consists of an address by Bro. Pike to a body of A. and A. Riters, in which he said:—

"You are the chiefs of Exalted Masonry. Your powers are real and substantial. If you do not duly estimate them, it is impossible that you should well perform the corresponding duties. The highest of these accompany only the highest powers . . . You style yourselves Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Elect Knights of the Holy House of the Temple. You are so, if you know the Royal secret, and understand the Holy doctrine. You claim to hold the powers of the first and last Grand Masters of the Temple within this jurisdiction; and that claim is valid, there is ample internal evidence in the degrees to those who understand them. The Kadosh are the only Soldiery of the Temple."

Now all the above utterance is mere buncomb. Bro. Pike ought to know that power can only be exercised when aided by a well-equipped army, a navy, an organised police, or sufficient cash to buy up majorities of members in our State Legislatures or of our Houses of Congress. That the assumption of high-sounding titles confer no power may be proved from the fact that a rival A. and A. concern has existed in Louisiana since 1813, in defiance of Bro. Pike's authority. Several A. and A. concerns exist in the Northern jurisdiction, in spite of S.G.C. Palmer's authority, and even the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, since it declared itself protector of certain high degree concerns, found itself powerless to enforce its laws and penalties against those who chose to take its forbidden Rites and Degrees. Nor is the Kadosh any more the real soldiery of the Temple than the Knights of Odd Fellows, and a dozen other so-called Knights including the "Knights of Labour." Bro. Pike further says:—

"When Masonry appeared in Europe in the Middle Ages, it had its mission that exposed it to persecution; and that accounts for the solemnity of the obligations of the lesser mysteries. If it had been only what Blue Masonry is now in England and America, its obligations being out of all proportion to its objects. The objects to which the Order owed its existence were abandoned in England about the time when it crossed the Atlantic. . . . It [they] became the ally and supporter of the English Government and Church . . . confining its teachings within the domain of morality alone. But Scottish Masonry and the Ancient and Accepted Rite have not changed nor denaturalised or perverted the meaning of their symbols. Now, as in the days of Dante, its mission is to aid humanity, setting its foot on despotism, and treading under foot tyranny and intolerance. The Cap of Liberty is the symbol of sovereignty of the people."

All this is mere fiction; for in the Middle Ages there existed no other kind of Masons but the building guilds, who knew nothing of either lesser or higher mysteries; its mission was neither to establish the rights of the people or to promote religious toleration, but for the purpose of monopolising the building trade and get as much wages for their labour as they could, just the same as the trade unions and knights of labour are trying to do to-day. The so-called Masonic persecution in the Middle Ages was confined to England only; that is, laws were enacted for specifying the rate of wages to all kinds of labourers, servants, and artizans, including masons and carpenters, during the reigns of Edward III., Richard II., and Henry VI. The carpenters and masons, however, managed to extort higher wages than the law allowed, hence they were threatened with punishment; but I do not know whether any of them were ever punished. Nor was their Masonic O.B. out of

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proportion to their object, for it was as brief as it possibly could be; nor did the Masons abandon "the cap of liberty" a few years before Masonry crossed the Atlantic. True, something was abandoned, that is, in 1717 they abandoned the old operative ritual and constitutions, in which religious intolerance was embodied, viz., "to be true to the Church, and to entertain no heresy." This law was abandoned in, or soon after 1717, and for it was subtituted in the first Charge as follows:—

"But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country or nation to be of the religion of that country, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to be of that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves," &c.

And, furthermore, how could Bro. Pike claim that the mission of Scottish Masonry was to tread under foot despotism and tyranny, and at the same time believe that the most unscrupulous despot, Frederick of Prussia, could have patronised such liberty-loving, and tyranny-hating Masonry as Bro. Pike imagined it to have been? Bro. P. says:

"It is said that in May 1786 Frederick was not competent to transact any business. That is not true. He was competent and did it; [viz. that he wrote the Charleston charter]. He was not known, it is said, to have had anything to do with high degrees. Of course not. If he [Frederick] was at the Rite of Strict Observance, or real Templarism, the outside world would not have been very likely to know it; there is no evidence to prove that [Charleston] Constitutions were forged. We do not believe they were. We know that before 1786 Frederick was regarded by the Masons of the Rite of Perfection as their head; for Bro. Solomon Bush wrote to him as such from Philadelphia (we think) in 1873."

The facts however are: Frederick was neither at the head of the Strict Observance, nor of the A. and A. Rite. The Strict Observance was no more real Templarism than the Templarism of Bro. Gouley. Solomon Bush never wrote a letter to Frederick either in 1783 or at any other time, and the most impartial investigators have unanimously denounced the Charleston Charter of 1786 as a forgery.

"The Scottish degrees (says Bro. P.) are Scottish and not French; they are Scottish for reasons of which the editor (Gouley) seems to be profoundly ignorant."

But Dr. Manningham's letter of 1756, and Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," as I shall hereafter show, prove that Scotland was not the birthplace of high degrees. Bro. P. further says:

"The Royal Order Herodom of Scotland we know to be very ancient. It claims to have been established in 1314 by Robert Bruce." Bro. Pike also believed that James III. in 1721 sent a warrant from Arras, "authorising certain London Knights to confer the Rose Croix and Kadosh Templar Degrees," and that Charles Edward Stuart, son of the former, established a Rose Croix Chapter at Arras in 1747.

Now, Dr. Manningham's letter of 1756, which has often been printed (see Mackey's Cyc., art. Manningham), gave the first blow to the pretension of Scottish high degrees. These so-called Scottish degrees are claimed to have been worked at Kilwinning. But Bro. Lyon says:

"The Fraternity of Kilwinning never at any period practised or acknowledged other than Craft degrees; neither does there exist any tradition worthy of that name, local or national, nor has any authentic document yet been discovered that can in the remotest degree be held to identify Robert Bruce with holding Masonic courts, or the institution of a secret society at Kilwinning."

In short, the Royal Order of Scotland was manufactured in the last century. Bro. Gould proved conclusively that Charles Edward Stuart was not a Mason, and, as to the alleged Masonry of James III., it is too absurd to be discussed. After Bro. Pike has so zealously advocated the antiquity of his high degrees, which, as already shown, is without any foundation, it is rather amusing to read the following. He says:—

"Intelligent men may probably be induced to respect Masonry more if it will persuade its writers to indulge less in ridiculous inventions, gravely published as traditions; to cease relying for evidence of antiquity on charters that are not genuine, and manuscripts of apocryphal authority, pretended to exist in the Bodleian Library . . . and also, if they will become ashamed of claiming as Freemasonic associations the old working guilds of Stonecutters, with Christopher Wren as a Grand Master."

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Pike, I must say (1st), while Bro. Pike believed in the Robert Bruce Masonry, and the genuineness of the Charleston Charter of 1786, the censure he designed for the writers of ridiculous inventions, &c., is equally applicable to himself; and (2nd), while I agree with him that the Bodleian Henry VI. does not exist, and that Christopher Wren was not a Grand Master, I cannot see how he could impute the parentage of our Freemasonry to any other source than to the stonecutters of the Middle Ages. For, in the first place, the Lodge of Antiquity MS. 1688 is essentially the same as that of the Alnwick Operative Lodge, which continued an operative Lodge for many years after 1717, and the records of all the old Lodges in Scotland, that formed there the Grand Lodge in 1736, prove conclusively that from first to last they were operative Lodges. So far, I had good reason to find fault with Bro. Pike's credulity; but next comes something better. He says:—

"Criticism is continually occupied in dissecting history, detecting forgery, and resolving annals into myths and legends, and Masonry cannot escape the searching investigation. Bro. Mackey says, 'the laws which govern the institution of Freemasonry are of two kinds, written and unwritten, the latter are derived from the traditions, usages, and customs of the Fraternity as they have existed from the remotest antiquity, the written law is derived principally from the following sources:—1st, The Ancient Charges, said to have been written in the days of James II., and 2nd, The Regulations adopted at the General Assembly held in 1603.'

"But," adds Bro. P., "that learned brother must well know that no Masonic Charges were written in the reign of James II., and there is no evidence at all that any General Assembly was held in 1663." Again,

"How many of us know which among the symbols of Masonry are really ancient and which are modern, so modern as not to have been used before the beginning of this century; we know how long it had been pretended, exciting the quiet contempt of the well-informed, that the Saints John were patrons of Masonry," &c. Again,

"Since the publication of Findel's history, it would be quite as well for Masons of other Rites to say very little about the A. and A. Rite being modern. The positive statements of that careful historian that the Master's degree was not known prior to 1700 (*which are unquestionably true*) should teach them a little caution . . . Until after 1700 there were no degrees in Masonry. There were Apprentices, Fellows free of the Craft, and Officers called Masters and Wardens, but no degree of Master Mason, or any other." (The italicising above is Bro. Pike's).

After asking Gouley the meaning of York Rite, Bro. P. proceeds to show the modernness of the several groups of degrees called York Rite, and says,

"The Royal and Select Master was wholly unknown until about 1800. The Chapter degrees were fixed up by Webb not long after that time; and that Templarism, as worked in this country, is wholly different from the Order of that name in England and on the Continent of Europe, and more modern than even the Council and Chapter degrees." Again:—

"He (Gouley) stated that the 'Order of Temple' has existed in this country for nearly eighty years, and in Europe, in one form or another, for near seven hundred years. The Masonic Templar Degree was carried from France into England about 1750, and worked in the Dermott Lodges. In 1791 Dunckerley put himself at the head of the Encampment, in which that and other degrees of Herodom Kodosh were worked . . . In England, before 1791, Masonic Templarism was worked by artizans and mechanics, and the degree was given for a few shillings. It never had the least connection with the Templar Order, and is not now recognised by the Scottish and English Templars. The Order of the Temple in France is wholly a different thing. The American degree was made by Webb, and Templarism is not a whit more connected or related to the genuine Chivalric Order of the Temple than Odd Fellows.

"It is proper to call any Rite bastard and illegitimate, none deserve it more than the American, which is one of the latest in the world, younger than the Rite of Misraim of Badarrid, and, including the Council degrees, young as the Rite of Memphis of Marconis de Negre

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"The evidence of the antiquity of Masonry consists of hints here and there, and occasionally a word or phrase, which those who have worked over and over again its Rituals have intentionally let alone, not knowing their significance. Its present formulas and Rituals are not old; its lectures and explanations of its symbols are modern. A Mason of 1717 could not gain entrance into an American Lodge in 1867.

If space permitted, I could have trebled extracts to the same effect. Sufficient, however, has been given to show that while Bro. Pike in 1871 ridiculed the claimed antiquity in behalf of the York Rite, and referred with sarcastic contempt to believers of the Bodleian MS., and in the patronage of the Saints John, and, while he admitted that the degrees, Rituals, symbols, &c., of the York Rite are modern, he at the same time adhered to a belief in the Masonry of Robert Bruce, in the Rose Croixism of James III. and of Charles Edward Stuart, in the genuineness of the 1786 Charter. In short, he believes in the antiquity of Scottish Rite Masonry. But in his recent pamphlet—viz., "Masonic Origins," Bro. Pike abandons the antiquity even of his pet Scottish Rite. He says:—

"The next Rite that made its appearance in Masonry was that of Perfection, or Heredom (not in Scotland, but in France), composed of the Blue degrees and twenty-two others, the eighteenth being the Rose Croix, and the twenty-fifth the 'Prince of the Royal Secret.' Of the authors, or origin, or separate working, before the organisation of the Rite, of any except two or three of the twenty-two degrees, no information whatever has come down to us; and little reliance is to be placed on what has been told in regard to these two or three. The degrees had been organised into a Rite before 1762. One by one they had been invented, worked, communicated by the inventors to others, and at last—how and by whom, nobody knows—had been arranged into a system called a Rite."

I was informed by a New York brother that formerly Bro. Pike believed in the antiquity of all Masonic traditions, including that of Hiram's monument, of the "Broken column and the Virgin weeping." But, be that as it may, in 1867 Bro. Pike ceased to believe in the antiquity of the York Rite, and now even two or three cherished degrees of the Scottish Rite he admits to be doubtful. Bro. Pike is the best informed American Mason, as far as Masonic history and literature are concerned. The modernness of all of our degrees has been demonstrated by Bros. Findel, Lyon, Hughan, Gould, and others. Such being the case, I think it is high time for every sincere lover of truth to exert his influence for ridding Masonry of an accumulated mass of fiction, which is alike repugnant to religion and common sense. In short, a clean sweep of all the rubbish must be made sooner or later, and the sooner it is done the better will it be for the reputation of our Fraternity—that is, if we desire to preserve and deserve the title of "Honourable."

BOSTON, U.S., 16th March 1886.

We have received a copy of a neatly got-up little work, containing a lecture on "The two Pillars at the porchway entrance of King Solomon's Temple," delivered by W. Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523, P.P.G.S.W., at the Union Lodge of Instruction, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. It forms a neat little handbook of notes interesting to Masons, shedding much light upon abstruse points in our ritual, the chief endeavour of the writer being to fix the respective positions of the two brazen pillars. He gives a brief historical account, describing the form and situation, both of the original Tabernacle and also of the Temple itself, and the little *brochure* is accompanied by plans of each. We commend it to the perusal of all who are desirous of adding to their store of Masonic knowledge, derived from evidence and research.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 3rd April 1886:—

Monday—Eclectic Chapter. Wednesday—Smeatonian Society, Lodge of Progress, Italian Ball. Thursday—St. James's Chapter, Universal Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday—Britannic Chapter, Royal Kensington Lodge, Thistle Lodge, Odd Volumes, Society de Secours mutuel des Suisses. Saturday—City and West End Soirée.

REVIEWS.

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"Debrett's Illustrated Heraldic and Biographical House of Commons and Judicial Bench, 1886." Edited by R. H. Mair, LL.D. Illustrated with armorial bearings. London: Dean and Son, 160a Fleet Street, E.C.

LIKE all other of Debrett's standard works, this elaborate and exhaustive compilation stands alone as a book of reference on the subjects of which it treats. Dr. Mair has brought to his aid all the authentic information which it was possible to obtain down to the present time, with respect to the composition of the lower house of our Imperial Legislature, and gives a notice of each of the members now sitting in Parliament; the counties, divisions, universities, boroughs, and borough-wards for which they were returned; with the names of the unsuccessful candidates, and the numbers recorded at the polls. Against the latter are placed shields, bearing the borough arms, or corporation seals; and indices are made of newly created boroughs, and of members who did not sit in the last Parliament, or who sat for other constituencies. Divisions of counties and boroughs are given in alphabetical order by their primary title, under the heading of their respective county, and not in the numerical order in which they appear in the "Redistribution of Seats Act." The number of members returned by the several constituencies are indicated, as also are the number of registered electors, and the number upon the register prior to the extension of the Franchise, while the Parliamentary populations (based on the last census) of counties and divisions are also given in concise form, most easy for reference. Considerable space is devoted to the names, families, and residences of the Peers and Peeresses of the United Kingdom, to which are appended Peers' surnames and eldest sons' titles; followed by a full and comprehensive list of the Judicial Bench, in the order of precedence: judges of county courts; recorders; metropolitan and stipendiary magistrates; colonial judges; together with a useful explanation of technical Parliamentary expressions, with brief descriptions of the duties of some of the higher officers of State. In addition to these, a list of the Ministry is given; the public and general Acts passed during the 6th session of the 10th Parliament of H.M. Queen Victoria (48 and 49 Vic.) are enumerated; a list of the High Chancellors and Speakers of the House of Commons since the Reform Act of 1832; clerks and officers of the Houses of Peers and Commons; constitutions of the House of Commons; general elections since the Reform Act; duration of Parliaments, &c., of the United Kingdom; a list of Administrations since 1715; a comparative table showing the differences of population and representation between the present and old constituencies; Peeresses in their own rights; representative Peers for Ireland and Scotland; Peers who are minors, and the dates when they attain their majorities; dates of adjournments of Parliament, 1842-83; lords-lieutenants of counties; addresses of clubs, &c. It will thus be gathered that the work before us is a perfect encyclopedia of all that it may be desired to know in reference to the House of Commons and no single item of information on the various points treated has been overlooked. A considerable amount of care and erudition must have been brought to bear upon this vast work by the editor and compiler, whose efforts are produced in the finest style of the typographic art and binding. The work is not only indispensable as a book of reference to the politician, but forms a pleasing ornament and addition to any library or the drawing-room table.

An ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company was held in the Lodge-room, at the Company's premises, Commercial-road, on Tuesday, 30th ult. Messrs. William Miles, Henry Croucher, Robert J. Rastrick, and John H. Corke were re-elected Directors, and other formal business having been transacted, the proceedings terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

Bro. J. M. Klenck has been unanimously elected, at a Vestry meeting of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, to be one of the Overseers of the parish for the ensuing year.

A lecture will be delivered by Bro. S. Valentine P.M. No. 9, at the Albion Lodge of Instruction, Crown Hotel, Essex Street, Strand, on Friday evening, the 16th instant. Subject: "Some Speculations as to the Origin of Freemasonry; its Signs, Tokens and Words, as suggested by the Bible."

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Comedy.—To catch the popular taste now-a-days is to ensure success, and in this Messrs. Harry Paulton and Mostyn Tedde have achieved a great triumph by their travestie of "Masse-en-yell-oh." As the title suggests, the piece is a skit on the West-End riots, with the scene laid at Naples; and the idea is to expose the avarice and laxiness of the sedition-mongers, the absurd demands of the "unemployed," and the weakness and indecision of the authorities, with Mr. Percy Compton making up cleverly as head of the metropolitan gendarmerie, in satire upon the late Chief Commissioner of our own metropolitan force. There is talking galore all through the piece, and the hero does quite his share of the fun-making, assisted in admirable manner by Miss M. A. Victor, who delineates the Cockney-Neapolitan winkle-seller with irresistible archness and *verve*. The dancing is excellent throughout, especially that by Mr. F. Wyatt. Mr. F. Mervin makes up into a capital embodiment of a police-sergeant, and Miss Mellnotte, Mr. Lytton Grey, Mr. A. Collini, and Mr. Hubert George acquit themselves meritoriously in the other prominent parts. The sketch is prettily mounted, and altogether makes an acceptable after-piece to the successful comic opera, "Erminie."

Novelty.—Nothing daunted by the course of ill-luck that has attended this house since he has been connected with it, Mr. Edouin has re-opened its doors, but without the assistance of his old colleague, Mr. Lionel Brough. This time the popular manager has placed on the boards a burlesque, by Mr. George Dance, entitled "Oliver Grumble," and what with charming music, pretty dresses and scenery, and capital jokes, at last he seems to have hit the public taste. The burlesque is based on events during the time of King Charles I. and Cromwell. Oliver, scheming to overthrow the king, is embarrassed by the twin children of one Ireton. A battle takes place on Primrose Hill, where Charles is taken prisoner and incarcerated in prison. Miss Alice Atherton and Mr. Willie Edouin, as Carrie and Harrie, are the life of the piece, and certainly ought to secure a success such as they achieved with "The Babes." They are always ready to dance and sing, and this they do with such success that they are encored again and again. In the prison scene we see these clever artistes imitating a Hindoo juggler and a Nautch girl. Such an imitation we seldom see, and they must have spent considerable time at the Indian Village to bring their performance to such perfection. Miss Atherton also scores another success in her clever song, "The Fan." Mr. Arthur Williams, as Oliver Grumble, is extremely funny, and this is certainly one of the best things he has done for a long time. Miss Edith Blande (King Charles), Miss Emily Spiller (Prince Rupert), and Miss Addy Conyers (Lord *Fairfax*), all do their utmost to merit the applause that is nightly bestowed on them. Certainly the best singer of the company is Miss Dysart, who takes the part of Queen Henrietta Maria. Mr. Mark Kinghorne (Mr. Dee) has but few opportunities to distinguish himself, but he makes plenty of use of his legs. Smaller parts are well sustained by Miss Nellie Murray (Bridget), Mr. F. Grove (old Ireton), Mr. Chas. E. Stevens (John Hampden), Miss Jennie Dawson (Jymes). There is a good chorus, and, with a little more experience, "Oliver Grumble" ought again to bring success to the house wherein Mr. Edouin has shown so much enterprise.

Old Acquaintance Musical Society. — An admirable smoking concert was given at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday evening last, under the auspices of the "Old Acquaintance" Musical Society, in compliment to its musical director, Bro. J. Kift—a face well known at so many of our Lodges in the City and elsewhere. The artists who gave their assistance on this occasion included Bros. H. Ashton, Franklin Clive, Sackville Evans, W. G. Forington, E. Gatfield, Albert James, McCall Chambers, H. P. Matthews, W. Pallant, H. Schartau, Arthur Thomas, Arthur Thompson, Sidney Tower, and J. Wheeler; Victor Buziau (violin), and J. A. Brousil (violoncello). Bro. S. J. Pallant (Hon. Secretary) presided, and an admirably selected programme was submitted to a numerous and highly appreciative audience. After the glee, "Strike the lyre," Bro. Sackville Evans sang the "Toreador's Song" from "Carmen," and was followed by Mr. Arthur Thomas, who rendered in good voice A Lee's "The Macgregor's Gathering." After a humorous song by Bro. Schartau, came Millard's ballad, "Thinking of home," with vocal accompaniment, by Bro. Montem Smith, and the manner in which the piece was rendered by Bro. Albert James was such as to elicit unbounded and enthusiastic applause. This, in our opinion, as in that of many others, was the gem of the eveing. Bro. Victor Buziau gave a brilliant violin solo, and was followed by Bro. Arthur Thompson in Hatton's "The clown's song." Mr. W. Pallant gave a humorous sketch. Bro. Franklin Clive sang "Old Chelsea," by Tito Mattei; and the first part of the programme was concluded by Bro. H. P. Matthews in humorous vein. Part second opened with Bishop's glee, "Hart and Hind," and the other items included—Nautical song, "Old Pilot Jim," Corney Grain—Mr. E. Gatfield; violoncello solo, "Tarantella," Dunkler—Mr. J. Adolphe Brousil; humorous sketch—Bro. Lieut. Cole; recitation—Mr. J. Wheeler; song, "The young friar," Mrs. A. Goodeve—Mr. W. G. Forington; ballad, "When other lips," Balfe—Mr. Sydney Tower; humorous song, Mr. McCall Chambers. Bro. J. Kift conducted with his usual skill and ability, and the audience, on departing, expressed their extreme pleasure and satisfaction with the musical treat which had been provided for their delectation.

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"MASONIC RECORDS."

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I shall be glad if you will kindly allow me to call the attention of your readers to an advertisement in another column of the Freemason's Chronicle, in reference to my forthcoming volume on "Masonic Records." Acting on the advice of valued friends, especially of my esteemed Bro. W. J. Hughan, I have decided to publish a larger edition, and to issue the work to all subscribers before publication at one guinea per copy, being only half of the original price. I shall be glad to have the names of intending subscribers as early as possible. Brethren who have already promised to take copies at two guineas will, of course, only have to pay the reduced price of one guinea per copy. I hope, however, to hear that many of them will take an additional copy, which would form a useful present to the Lodge libraries.

Yours fraternally,
Jno. Lane,
P.M. 1402, Torquay.

2 Bannercross Abbey Road, Torquay.
31st March 1886.

THE COMING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The day fast approaches when the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the current year will be held, and anxiety grows apace as to what the result of that meeting will prove to be. I must confess to being of a very inquisitive turn of mind, and having occasion to frequently visit the county of Surrey, I have been at some trouble to try and find out what the brethren of that county are doing in support of the Chairmanship of their Prov. Grand Master. So far as I can judge they are not doing so well as they have done before. I may be wrong in my surmise, but I believe it is the fact that Surrey has not yet sent up as many supporters of their esteemed Provincial Grand Master as they might have done, and the time is getting very short during which the brethren of the district will have opportunities of supplying the deficiency. I trust they will excuse my interference, but may I appeal most strongly to them to make a supreme effort on this occasion? They have two particular reasons for doing so. First, they will show respect to their Provincial Grand Master, and, second, they will help in a good cause.

Yours fraternally,
A Surrey Visitor.

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EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,
Wednesday, 30th June 1886.

The RIGHT HON. LORD SUFFIELD,
R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk,
Has kindly consented to preside.

Notice of place, and other particulars, will be duly announced.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.
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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, 10th April 1886, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion as under, and to Elect 24 Girls, or, in the event of the undermentioned resolution being carried, 24, into the School from a list of 36 approved candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

By Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Bearer, Vice-Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee:—

"That one further vacancy be declared at the Quarterly General Court in April, caused by the death of Inga Edith Wilkinson."

By Bro. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL:—

"That in recognition of valuable professional services gratuitously rendered to this Institution by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Patron, he be elected an Honorary Vice-President with twenty votes at all elections of girls."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
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3rd April 1886.

THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 19th of May, under the distinguished presidency of General J. S. BROWNRIGG, C.B., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master of Surrey.

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A PANACEA FOR "THE UNEMPLOYED."

IN the present agitation with respect to the great depression of trade and industry, when difficulties in obtaining employment are driving men to find relief from the Mansion House and other funds, the mind naturally turns upon the discovery of some means whereby to ease the "glutted" labour market. A popular idea is that emigration is the only cure for the evils which are so apparent, and the sore distress which is everywhere around us, not only amongst the "labouring" classes, so-called, but amongst skilled artizans and mechanics. There are many ways of looking at this question, which admits of criticism of a varied nature. Many consider, and with a great degree of force, that the enormous sum contributed to the Mansion House Fund—towards which, by the way, Grand Lodge sent a donation of £200—is but a "drop in the ocean," and fails to meet the requirements of the case. Temporary relief, it is urged, is but an incentive to listlessness; and, pitiable as it may be to see each day crowds of indigent men clustering around the doors of the "branch relief offices" in London and the suburbs, it can hardly be gainsaid that the unhappy-looking individuals who spend so much time hankering after their little doles might be more profitably employed. Sam Weller, at a certain interesting epoch in his history, uttered the sage ejaculation, "Whether it is worth while going through so much to learn so little is a mystery." And so many of the poor fellows who would scorn the inquisition of the Charity Organisation Society—a huge blot upon the very name of Charity—are yet fain to tremble on the threshold of the "national gift" for the merest help in the support of their wives and families. It is not our province to canvass the many suggestions which have been made as to the manner in which the present congestion of the labour market might be ameliorated. We leave it to the legislator and the statesmen to say whether the starting of gigantic public works would meet the exigencies of a depression which is without parallel in the present generation. There is one scheme, however, which has recently been propounded by a Somersetshire vicar and his wife which, if it could be rendered practicable, might possibly tend to the more permanent benefit of the working classes of this country. The idea is that societies should be formed in every district for placing before the necesitous the advantages of emigration to "more favoured climes," especially naming New Zealand, and that "all—even the poorest—should be asked to contribute regularly (say as little as a penny per week) towards paying passages out, &c." The "idea'" is a good and generous one theoretically, but we fear it will be endorsed by few beyond that circle which is standing by the kindly-hearted vicar of a country parish and his estimable wife. Men who have moved about in the world and know what life is, fail to see that, whilst men, women, and children are starving in our midst, they will hesitate to subscribe their little mites—though "only a penny per week"—towards assisting their brethren to "leave their country for their country's good." We say theoretically the idea is good, but we fear it is optimist and unworkable. There can be no question, as the advocates of this scheme of assisted emigration point out, that the evils attendant on an overstocked labour market will increase rather than diminish, and the question therefore of relief is too broad for any individual solution. It has been suggested to us by a correspondent that "if the influence of the Brotherhood could be secured in this direction"—that is of creating a national "self-aid" system of emigration—great things might be accomplished, and the well-known kind and brotherly feeling of the Freemasons would do much to dispel the resentment which often arises when the subject of emigration is proposed to the home-loving Englishman. Without in any way criticising in an unfriendly spirit the well-intentioned suggestions of our correspondent, it is well to say that a difficulty at once presents itself to the Craft in any way dealing with the subject in any shape or form. Freemasons, though unstinted in their benevolent actions, are restricted—in their Masonic capacity—to the objects for which the Institution was founded, and in which it exercises so enormously a munificent influence. Freemasons, as a body, have no power whatever to contribute any more than they have done to the alleviation of the distress which we see about us, nor to aid in the transference of any of our poor, however deserving or desirous of emigrating to "more favoured climes." Thus dismissing as impracticable any appeal to the general body of the Craft for such a purpose, it is open to question whether, "however wretched the prospects" of the unemployed, emigration is "ever looked upon as the last resource." Those who attended the recent Conference on Emigration held in London, and heard the discussion that took place amongst men who had made a study of colonial life and experience, will have come to the conclusion that almost equal difficulty exists there as we find at home. The best hands who are "willing to toil" may unquestionably reap the "fruits of the soil." But the fact so often reiterated still holds good that the men who fail to succeed at home are as little likely to find a royal road to prosperity anywhere. If emigration means the drafting of our best skilled hands, and leaving the home market to the monopoly of the mediocre, we cannot see it would tend in any measure to the national weal. On the other hand, if our "ne'er-do-weels'" are to be shipped off "in communities," as our correspondent says, they will find but a sorry welcome at the hands of the colonists, unless, forsooth, "some of the principal colonists could be induced to interest themselves in the party's welfare on arrival." We quite agree that such an act of magnanimity on the part of the "principal colonists" would "take off much of the feeling of loneliness and uncertainty every emigrant must experience on going to an unknown world." But hard dry facts must be looked calmly in the face in the consideration of any such a scheme as has been shadowed forth in the letter before us; and much as we should be disposed to lend what little aid we could in the way of solving the great labour problem, it must, after all, resolve itself into a question of who are fit or otherwise of being assisted to emigrate to more favoured climes, should they desire it. We have before us a couple of pamphlets, compiled for the Auckland Agricultural Company, Limited, setting forth, in interesting manner, details as to the climate, natural resources, &c., of New Zealand, with full information as to the means of getting there, and obtaining land on advantageous terms. These are accompanied by items of "general interest to the intending emigrant," which we commend to the perusal of those who may be interested in the subject. In the event of their success on the distant shores of the Antipodes being such as to enable them to aid the funds of "the Free Emigration Association," well and good; but, once for all, it must be understood that our Colonies are only fitted for those who, in the words of the pamphlet, are "really willing to work in a position to gain a honest livelihood in a most healthy and fertile country, where workhouses and starving people are alike unknown, and where, by means of industry and thrift, a man may maintain his family comfortably, and also make a provision for his old age." Work, industry, and thrift form the threefold key to all success in life, whether at home or abroad; and, neither in this country nor in any other can it be otherwise. Such enterprises as that in which Dr. Barnardo and others are engaged, of sending sturdy young lads to the Colonies, is a step in the right direction, and all who witnessed the departure of two hundred of that philanthropist's "family" for Canada a few days since will be stimulated in their exertions to support the movement inaugurated by the founder of our "boys' homes." But the case is otherwise in respect to those who are popularly known as "the unemployed," and we fail to see that the remedy for the existing evils lies wholly and solely in emigration. In any case, however, any scheme which may tend to the benefit of the deserving poor is worthy of consideration, and we therefore commend to the perusal of any who may feel an interest in the matter the two practical treatises on New Zealand which have been published by the Auckland Agricultural Company, 68 and 69 Cornhill, London.

THE THIRD CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THE twenty-fourth meeting of this Association, which is held in connection with the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, took place at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Monday, the 22nd ult. Bro. J. Newton, the President of the Association, was in the chair, and there were also present Bro. F. Brown Vice-President, G. Ward Verry Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Secretary, and the following members of the Committee, viz.:—Bros. Webb, J. S. Fraser, Haslip, and G. Jones; also Bros. Large, Magee, Matthews, Smith, &c. Two ballots were obtained by Bros. G. B. Foster and D. Scott. This being the end of the Society's financial year, the Officers and Committee were unanimously re-elected, and Bros. Large and Magee appointed Auditors. Bro. J. Newton, the President, in calling attention to the fact that this Association had now been in existence for two years, congratulated the members on the success that had attended it, and referred with satisfaction to the number of ballots which had been drawn, viz., fifty-two, of ten guineas each.

We have been requested to announce that the Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22, has changed its place of meeting from the Cambria, Loughboro' Junction, to the Gauden Hotel, Clapham. The time of meeting is Monday evening, at 7·30.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, held at Bro. W. H. Myers's Printing Works, 302 Whitechapel-road, by Bro. Pringle, W.M. No. 781, on Monday evening, 5th April, at seven o'clock.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous old Lodge was held on Thursday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, when there was a goodly muster of the brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. E. B. Haynes. He was supported by Bros. Matthew H. Hale S.W., A. T. Webster J.W., H. G. Buss P.M. Treasurer, J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, J. W. Dixon S.D., C. B. Todd J.D.; Past Masters T. J. Maidwell, W. H. Libbis, J. Green, J. H. Jacobs, J. Murch, S. R. Lamble, C. T. Cuthbertson, F. Harrison and J. L. Coulson; Bros. H. H. Haynes, J. Colwell, L. Burt, H. Wright, J. Langs, F. May, F. Izant, A. W. May, R. D. Smith, J. Hollyman, J. O. Kennedy, W. G. Cleare, A. Porter, B. Young, Isaac Scarth, J. Easton, S. Ullman, W. H. Allen, S. J. Davers, Potter Tyler, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Brothers J. Dornshea W.M. 715 S.C. (Sydney), A. W. Wills P.M. 299 P.G.D.C. Kent, R. R. Harper P.M. and Secretary 813, T. R. Smith P.M. 1558, L. C. Haslip P.M. 813, T. White, J. Nicholls P.M. 25, J. Gibbs I.P.M. 1613, G. B. Chapman S.W. 299, A. C. Wood I.G. 720, Charles Evans J.W. 1922, M. Gelder 185, G. R. Bolton S.W. 1314, D. N. Sherwill 813, G. H. Jackson 860, H. H. Bridgman 2030, &c. The brethren assembled soon after half-past four o'clock, when Lodge was opened with the customary formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Having advanced to the third degree, Bro. Wright was raised, the impressive ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the second, Bro. J. E. Coxwell was passed, the working in this degree being also of a most meritorious character. Having closed to the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. Edwin Palmer, who had been nominated by the Worshipful Master, and seconded by Bro. T. J. Maidwell P.M. The voting was unanimously in favour, but Mr. Palmer being unavoidably absent, the ceremony of initiation had necessarily to be deferred. Bro. M. H. Hale S.W. was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having assented to the responsibilities of office, a board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, when Bro. Hale was installed into the chair of K.S., with the usual solemnities. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year. The whole of the installation ceremony was performed in masterly manner by Bro. T. J. Maidwell P.M., who delivered the traditional charges with excellent effect, eliciting frequent expressions of approbation from all present. A committee was appointed to revise the bye laws of the Lodge, and some routine business have been transacted the Lodge was closed amidst the heartiest good wishes. Subsequently the brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, in a manner that amply sustained Bro. Clemow's reputation as a caterer. The arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous company were all that could be desired. At the conclusion of the repast, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Officer, and the Visitors being received with special enthusiasm. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Haynes on his retirement from the chair, as a Mark of the esteem with which he is held by the brethren, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his successful year of office. The proceedings, which were of a most agreeable and harmonious character throughout, were interspersed with a capital selection of vocal and instrumental music, and a very happy evening was enjoyed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday, 29th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N, Bros. Cooper W.M., Dixie S.W., Marks J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hancock S.D., Weeden J.D., Ware I.G., Western acting Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Collingridge, as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Kirk was appointed W.M. for 5th April.

The Annual Supper took place on Monday, 22nd March, when between forty and fifty brethren enjoyed the excellent catering of the Bros. Baker. Bro. Cooper W.M. took the chair, and Bro. Forge S.W. filled the vice chair. After the usual Loyal toasts, Prosperity to the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of Bro. Trewinnard, Preceptor, was given. Bro. Trewinnard, in reply, thanked the brethren for their support during the past year, and for again electing him. Bro. Forge, Treasurer, announced the amount of money he had in hand, while Bro. Collingridge, Secretary, informed the brethren that at forty-five meetings the average attendance was twelve. The funds had been expended on a life vote to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on Bro. Woodman's list. The annual subscription to the "Old Folks'" entertainment at Christmas had been given, and the bye-laws of the Lodge of Instruction had been reprinted. The piano was kept going by Bro. Collings, assisted by Bro. Thomas, while Bros. Woodman, Smeck, and Mullord sang, and several brethren recited. After spending a very pleasant evening the brethren separated in harmony.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London or Country by Bro. G. A. BUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—This eminent Chapter of Improvement is now pursuing a most successful career, for every weekly meeting is attended by some of the most distinguished members of the supreme degree. The usual meeting was held on Tuesday last, 30th March, at the White Hart, Abchurch Lane, and was well attended by P.Z.'s and others, amongst whom were Comps. E. C. Beedell, H. C. Jepps, M. H. Loney, J. L. Anderson, J. S. Payne, H. Forss, C. H. Webb, J. S. Fraser, A. Fish, E. Stanton, J. Brittain, H. Thompson, R. J. Notley, Herbert Ruff, J. Charles, C. Jones, Howard Ruff, J. Newton, &c. The Chapter having been opened, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in the usual style of excellence. Comps. J. S. Fraser M.E.Z., C. H. Webb H., J. Brittain J., Charles S.N. and F. Brown Preceptor. Comp. Fish was the candidate. At the conclusion of the exaltation ceremony, Comp. A. E. Staley, of the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, was unanimously elected a member of this Chapter of Improvement. The election of Officers for the next fortnight then took place, which resulted as follows:—Comps. Notley M.E.Z., Forss H., Herbert Ruff J., Jones S.N., Beedell P.S. Comp. Brown, the Preceptor of the Chapter, announced that on Tuesday, the 13th of April, the installation of Principals will be rehearsed by the following Companions—C. H. Webb P.Z. Stanmore Chapter, J. S. Fraser Z. of Hope and Unity Chapter, Romford, W. Gillard Z. of Mount Sinai Chapter; the ceremony to commence at half-past five o'clock, when the attendance of all present and past Principals is fraternally invited. As the Installation ceremony is seldom rehearsed in Chapters of Improvement, a favourable opportunity is presented to Royal Arch Principals of hearing the Ritual of this supreme degree.

The regular weekly Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, was held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, N. Comps. Wm. Radcliffe M.E.Z., W. H. Dean H., F. Brasted J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., J. Funston S.N., T. C. Edmonds P.S. The Chapter was fairly attended, and the ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE Exhibition Building in Prince Alfred Park presented a brilliant spectacle recently, when His Excellency Bro. Lord Carrington enjoyed the hospitality of his brother Masons. From all parts of the colony members of the Craft had come to do him honour. The galleries were filled with ladies, who were rewarded with an insight, as far as banqueting went, into the mysteries of the Masonic Craft. Below this animated assemblage there sat in the body of the hall more than 600 Masons. The crush was too great for the caterer, Mr. Gunsler, for whose reputation sympathy was expressed, as the tables had only been laid for 500—that is, 100 persons less than tickets were sold to the day preceding. His Excellency, who was accompanied by Capt. Gascoigne A.D.C., was received by the D.G.M.'s of the English and Scottish Constitutions (Bros. John Williams and Dr. Sedgwick respectively). Accompanied by six Stewards they conducted him to the place of honour; the band, under the direction of Herr Patek, playing the National Anthem. Behind the Governor there hung the Royal Standard—before him, high up on the gallery railing, was the Royal coat of arms; and in front of him, on the table, was a magnificent floral decoration. Among white dahlias and tuber roses Mr. Searle had skilfully worked, with red geraniums, in large letters, distinguishable at any distance, the words "Welcome, Lord Carrington." The Governor sat on the right of the Chairman (Bro. J. Williams), and on the left was Bro. Dr. Sedgwick. The Lodges under the two Constitutions were well represented by Masters, Past Masters, and brethren. The Mayor of Sydney, Bro. John Young, was present. Among the Grand Lodge Officers present were the following:—Bros. F. A. Wright D.D.G.M. (E.C.), H. Westcott P.D.D.G.M. (E.C.), H. Simpson P.D.D.G.M. (E.C.), Gastain Sahiel G.S.W. (E.C.), W. H. Tulloh J.W. (E.C.), F. B. Davidson D.D.G.M. (E.C.), T. Read Registrar, W. H. Stokes Pres. Board of Gen. Purps., W. Webster Grand Treasurer, A. H. Bray Grand Secretary, A. A. P. Tighe D.G.D.C., J. Booth G.S.D., J. Leavison G.S.D., S. Hodge G.J.D., A. Hancocks and J. Marshall Sword Bearers, Albert Chapman D.G.J.W. (S.C.), J. M. Lachlan D.G.S.C., M. S. Levy Instructor of Works, J. Macdonald President Board of Benevolence, W. Higstein D.G.S. (S.C.), Madgwick D.G. Chaplain (E.C.), Darcy Irvine D.G. Chaplain (S.C.), F. W. Knight Grand Pursuivant, Captain Airey Assistant Grand Pursuivant, and G. F. Garland D.G. Organist. The toast list was brief and brotherly. First there was that of the Queen, then that of the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of English and Patron of Scottish Freemasonry, to which the brethren responded with the honours, "One Point 21," led by the Director of Ceremonies. The Chairman then proposed the toast of the Governor. He said it was well known that their guest was an intimate friend of their brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and was one of the most respected and esteemed of England's peers. With such a name and fame it was unnecessary for him to say that all Masonic honours should belong to him. His Excellency, more than any other man in the colony, was fitted to consolidate Masonry there. And if in his wisdom it was essentially necessary that his Excellency should perform this duty, no one would hail with greater delight the occasion than he (the speaker) would, provided it was done in a legal and constitutional

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manner. The toast was vociferously pledged with Masonic honours, the band playing "The Fine Old English Gentleman," and the Masons giving the mark of distinction, "The Feint 18," some impulsive ladies in the galleries taking the time, too, from the Director of Ceremonies, and giving the honours as heartily and as "brotherly" as the Masons beneath. Brother Lord Carrington, in reply, said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, From the bottom of my heart I beg to tender to you my most respectful and grateful thanks for the overwhelming kindness with which this honourable company has been pleased to receive this toast, and I feel that the reception of this toast has a great significance, for it is not the individual that has been received, but it is what the individual represents. It is a grand moment to stand here and reflect that the cheers which greeted the name of the Governor of this great and important colony really represented the loyalty which is felt towards her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, by all ranks and by all sections of this colony, and it also proves that the loyalty of New South Wales is indeed a creed, and indeed a reality. I take this opportunity, Sir, this evening, at this grand and magnificent banquet, to express my great pleasure at seeing the galleries filled with grace and beauty. It is indeed a compliment to Freemasonry. And it shows how utterly wrong those are who tell us that Freemasonry is unpopular amongst the ladies. Their presence here shows entirely the reverse. Brethren, your Chairman has told you of the many distinguished persons who have held high office in the Craft, and also that the heir to the throne of England—the heir to the great Empire—holds the highest place of honour in our Grand Lodge of England. He has told you that his Royal Highness's brothers have held high office in the Lodge, and, most important of all, that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in the Royal Alpha Lodge, himself admitted his son into Masonry. It was my great privilege to be present on that occasion. It is indeed a thing that ought never to be forgotten by every Mason all over the world, as it gives a distinct answer to all those who bring accusations of every sort or kind against our great and glorious Craft. The Chairman has also introduced a subject which in this company I should not individually have ventured to touch, and that is the subject of the consolidation of Masonry in this colony. On my arrival, brethren, on your shores, I was greeted not only by the brethren who belong to the Constitution which is so worthily presided over by my Right Worshipful Brother on my left (Bro. Williams), but I was also greeted with expressions of loyalty from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which is under the presidency of Dr. Tarrant. It is impossible for me, serving under the English Constitution, to accept their address as a Mason. But I think it would be unbecoming of me if I did not, before this honourable company, acknowledge the loyalty that prompted them to receive me as a representative here of the Throne. Brethren, we all regret there is a division in our ranks. It is a matter of deep and lasting regret; but perhaps we have the cure among ourselves. For it is only Masonry that can unite us. Masonry, brethren, is the centre between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendships amongst those who otherwise must have remained at a perpetual distance. It is not for me, in such an important subject like this, to give advice or offer an opinion. But surely, before this distinguished company, I may be permitted to express the hope that our divisions will come to an end, and that we may all be united in the common bond of Masonry. Brethren, may the Freemasons of this great colony yet be united in our Lodges as we are united in our loyalty to our Queen, and in our grand creed, from which no one is excluded, provided he believes in the glorious Architect of the Heavens and the Earth, and so long as he practises the sacred duties of morality. A very pleasant duty has been confided to me, and I feel greatly honoured at being permitted to propose to you all a toast which will be drunk with the enthusiasm and the cordiality that it deserves. I have to propose the toast of "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and their representatives in this Colony." On an occasion of this sort, it is not for me to remind you of what are the duties of Grand Lodges. They administer and frame the laws for good government; they are the arbiters of disputes which occasionally may arise; they are the final court of appeal. I call on you all to drink with enthusiasm and with cordiality this toast, and with the toast I have to couple the names of Bro. Williams D.G.M. of the English Constitution, and Bro. Dr. Sedgwick D.G.M. of the Scottish Constitution. And before I sit down perhaps I may be permitted to say that though loyalty has called us together, yet it is no slight tribute to the merits of these distinguished Freemasons that to submit their names for the acceptance of the grand company that is assembled this evening in this magnificent hall is to secure a demonstration that both the District Grand Masters are regarded all over the colony with respect, esteem, and affection. With all my heart I give to you our District Grand Lodges, coupled with the names of our District Grand Masters. The toast was warmly pledged, cheers being given first for the English and then for the Scottish Constitution, and, on the call of the Governor, one cheer more for both, the band playing, "Come, let us be happy together." Bro. Williams responded for the English, and Bro. Dr. Sedgwick for the Scottish Constitution. Soon afterwards his Excellency retired, amid the cheers and congratulations of his brother Masons, and with the goodwill of his gentler admirers in the gallery.

The Directors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company have given notice that from and after the date of the present Lady-day Quarters' Accounts, the price of their gas will be reduced.

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.

TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTHS OF FREEMASONRY.

THAT understanding of the truths taught by Masonry, and that appreciation of the obligation and duties of a Mason, which begets activity in the work, outside of, as well as in, the Lodge room, is, in my opinion, the great need of the day and hour. In this, we are all deficient, and all and each of us responsible for that inertness which has well nigh reduced Masonry to an association of persons held together almost alone for the pecuniary benefit it may afford them. This, brethren, is the dark side of the picture, and it is mentioned because we enter the light through the darkness. The moral influence exerted by our beloved Order is being felt in almost every locality in the State, but the morality of its membership does not come up to the standard erected by the teachings of the Order. I would have its adherents learn more of that morality taught by Masonry, feeling assured that, these being known better they would more generally be observed and practised by the Craft, and the cause of humanity correspondingly advanced.

If the symbolism of the compass and square was more strongly impressed upon the mind of the initiate, Masons would not, sometimes, malign to the profane one whom, in the Lodge room, he is apparently pleased to call "brother," but would make an honest effort to live up to the duties and obligations every Mason has assumed, and thus make his conversation and action bear testimony to the excellence of the principles of, and calculable benefits resulting from Masonry when fully lived up to by its adherents. I do not overlook the many difficulties with which we have to contend, by reason of the frailties incident to our human nature. I do not forget that there are two natures in man, the "higher and the lower, the great and the mean, and the noble and the ignoble," nor does Masonry; but in every degree teaches its membership to cultivate and practise the better part of our nature, and continually guard ourselves against the temptations suggested by our prejudice, passions, and appetites. We should be slow to make inferences which a full examination of the facts would prove to be unjust, as well as to firmly refuse to approve that which justice and good morals would condemn.—*Liberal Freemason.*

DOES IT PAY TO BE A MASON.

WE have been asked by men if it paid to be a Mason. In answer to such, we would say it pays some a big percentage, but to others it pays but little. To a man with a large heart and benevolent disposition, who lives to make the world better because he lives in it—who is generous, charitable, and a social being—it pays, for it gives him an opportunity to develop those qualities that make up the true man; but a close-fisted, narrow, contracted, selfish man, who lives within himself, like a turtle—that only sticks his head out of his shell to snap at something—that passes by and can see nothing good in this world but dollars and cents, and believes in the principle of "everybody take care of himself,"—to such a person we would say that it would not pay him to join the Masons, because he would not feel at home in our Lodges, for they teach morality, charity, and brotherly love. They feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, bury the dead, care for the widow and orphan, and help, aid, and assist their brethren in every way possible; they will speak well of them in their absence; they comfort the distressed, speak kind words in the ears of erring ones—in fact they are "their brother's keeper." They will pay their dues cheerfully, sacrifice their time and use their talents to promote this glorious course of humanity; they glory in doing good. Its pays such persons to be Freemasons. Such a member will attend Lodge meetings regularly, will serve on Committees, will accept office and perform the duties. He will read Masonic papers, will study the Ritual, will post himself on the laws regulating the Order; in fact he will live up to the obligations. When such a brother dies, his loss is deeply regretted. Such a person it pays to be a Mason, and it pays the Lodge to have him in it.

But those, like the Jew in New York, who said "I will join the Masons, and put on my vest a big G, and get lots of trade on the square," generally get left. Masonry is not to be used as a trademark, and he who tries to so use it will find that it will not pay.—*Detroit Freemason.*

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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 APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
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)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 5th APRIL.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Mooregate, 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
1668—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.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
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. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbo...
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061—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—Gedcrich, 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
1443—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Carnduc, 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. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 780—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 87—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Bloomsbury-buildings, 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, 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)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Citton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Belgrave, Sisters' Tavern, Pewterer-hall, 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)
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)
1369—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
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (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. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
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
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—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
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, Pudsey.
1310—Harrow, Kitts Head, Harrow.
1322—Wavelcy, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Elen, Castle Hotel, Amwich, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Carnduc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussax 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. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 7th 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 Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
103—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lewis's-buildings, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
534—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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham Local Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1698—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1687—The Rolls, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1760—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Canon and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst).
R.A. 1973—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 147—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)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

71—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
396—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle-on-Ty
417—Faith and Charity, Masonic Hall, Dudley
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marcles, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Reedley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
848—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Wapping-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1057—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
1147—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport street, Alnwick
1296—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, 150 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester

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1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
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
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, 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. 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, 8th APRIL.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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
701—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—South wark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Wa. don 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)
1309—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)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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
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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
1950—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.

97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
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, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1094—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, Public Hall, Loughton
1503—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. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 9th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, 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)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (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, Camberwe
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lea bert St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
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, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, 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 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. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 119—Fan, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
R.A. 901—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop

SATURDAY, 10th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1617—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Excelsior, 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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Dragon, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
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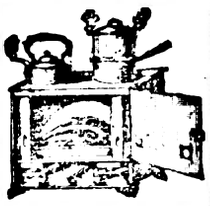

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FREEMASONRY IN SUFFOLK.

WHEN the history of our own times comes to be compiled by some future Masonic writer, the annual calendars which are now issued in many of the Provinces of England will be found to afford one of the readiest means of supplying much of the data necessary for the historian's work, even if, in a few years' time, a collection of these Calendars will not in themselves contain sufficient for a full history of English Freemasonry of the present day. There are, however, many ways in which these Calendars might be made of more general interest than they are now, and they would prove of greater service for historical purposes if each edition was to contain a brief summary of Masonic events particularly associated with the Province in which they are issued. By this means brethren would have an incentive for local research, which we are sure would be the means of bringing much valuable information to light. For a time, at least, it would only be necessary to devote a few pages of each edition to the details we suggest, as we should simply advise the giving of dates, and the most meagre details. This should make the local Calendars of interest outside the districts for which they are specially compiled, and, in view of the fact that a large majority of them are at present carried on at a loss, from a financial point of view, this in itself should be matter for consideration. There are Masonic events connected with every district, worthy of being recorded in a local work, which at present escape any permanent record, except, perhaps, in the newspapers of the day, which are seldom preserved, merely because there is no available means of recording them. If our suggestion were adopted, this would no longer be the case, and once having created a demand for historical information, the supply would soon prove equal to meet it.

We have before us the "Masonic Year Book for the Province of Suffolk for the year 1886," and propose to review its contents, with a view of making the information it contains more generally known, and as an incentive for other districts not similarly supplied to follow its example in the several matters referred to.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, which was under the rule of the late Lord Waveney until the day of his death, in February last, consists of twenty-one Craft Lodges, and, at the time the present year's calendar was compiled, had upwards of 800 members on its roll, distributed as under—

No.	Lodge	Meeting at	Members
71	Unity	Lowestoft	72
81	Doric	Woodbridge	50
114	British Union	Ipswich	47
225	St. Luke	Ipswich	93
305	Apollo	Becoles	20
332	Virtue and Silence	Hadleigh	27
376	Perfect Friendship	Ipswich	68
388	Prudence	Halesworth	34
516	Phœnix	Stowmarket	41
555	Fidelity	Framlingham	35
929	Waveney	Bungay	30
936	Adair	Aldeburgh	22
959	Prince of Wales	Ipswich	*
1008	Royal St. Edmund	Bury St. Edmunds	49
1224	Stour Valley	Sudbury	61
1452	St. Margaret	Lowestoft	25
1592	Abbey	Bury St. Edmunds	31
1631	St. Andrew	Gorleston	30
1663	Hartismere	Eye	23
1823	Royal Clarence	Clare	*
1983	Martyn	Southwold	25

(* no returns).

The Provincial Grand Chapter is under the government of the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.P.S., and consists of six Chapters, with a joint membership of about 150 Companions, distributed as follows:—

No.	Chapter	Meeting at	Members
81	Royal York	Woodbridge	21
225	St. Luke	Ipswich	18
376	Royal Sussex	Ipswich	41
959	Royal Alexandra	Ipswich	*
1008	White Rose	Bury St. Edmunds	28
1631	St. Andrew	Gorleston	29

(* No returns).

The Province of Suffolk may thus be said to be strong in both the Craft and Royal Arch degrees, and, as we shall show later on, it is also represented in Mark, Rose Croix, and Knight Templar Masonry. It is, however, in its systematic support of the Masonic Charities that Suffolk is deserving of more than passing reference, and if the Year Book now under notice did nothing more than record what has been done, and what is being done, on behalf of "the poor and distressed" of the Fraternity, it would still be a most useful publication, and one worthy of being considered as an example for other districts to imitate. The Suffolk Masonic Charity Association is a committee formed with a view of utilizing to the utmost the votes for the Institutions which are received by brethren in the Province, and consists of one brother from each Lodge, elected at the regular meeting in January, in addition to the Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master (who act as President and Vice-President respectively). The Committee meets at least twice in each year, and proceeds to the selection of the most deserving candidate, for the support of the Province at the respective elections, the method of selection being by voting among the members present, the chairman having a casting vote. Each Lodge has to contribute 10s a year towards defraying the necessary expenses of printing, postage, attendance of representative at the elections, &c. Minor matters of detail are imposed on each of the members of the Committee, in order that proper returns may be made up and annually laid before Provincial Grand Lodge. In proof of the excellent organisation and the united spirit which exists in the Province we now give a summary of the Committee's work during the year 1885. Two hundred and fifty-seven different subscribers to the Institutions are recorded in the list which accompanies the Year Book, and the total number of votes to which they are entitled is given as 2375, made up of 751 Girls' votes, 799 Boys', 364 Mens', and 461 Widows. Of these, 2088, or nearly eighty-eight per cent., were sent into the Association and used on behalf of the Province, which exhibits a state of organisation unequalled, we think, by any other Province in England. Another association formed in the county has for its object the obtaining of Life Subscriberships by Lodges, Chapters, Preceptories, and Societies of the Province, who subscribe not less than four guineas per annum. A general meeting of the Committee is held annually, in February, when a statement of accounts is submitted, and a ballot or drawing takes place for priority of presentation to as many life subscriberships as the amount of funds then

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in the hands of the Treasurer will allow, subject to certain regulations, among which we may mention that each Charity is to be selected as nearly as possible in rotation; that each Lodge shall have one chance in the drawing for every two guineas standing to its credit in the books at the time of the ballot, and shall be entitled to only one nomination at any one ballot; that each successful Lodge has to give a promise in writing, through three of its principal Officers, to continue the payment of its subscription until the full amount of the life subscription is paid. At the second general meeting of this Association, held at Ipswich on the 27th February 1885, fifty guineas was balloted for, and the following Lodges and Chapter were successful in drawing a ten-guinea Life Subscribership:—Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 376, Adair Lodge, No. 936, and Unity Lodge, No. 71. Three of these Life Subscriberships went to the Benevolent Institution, and one each to the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

Suffolk forms a part of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of East Anglia, and contributes three Lodges and seventy members to that body, viz.—

No.	Lodge	Meeting at	Members
70	Albert Victor	Ipswich	21
105	Freeman	Bury St. Edmunds	15
317	Yousll	Gorleston	34

while the higher degrees are represented by the Prudence Preceptory of Knights Templar, meeting at Ipswich, with twenty-four members, and the Victoria Chapter Rose Croix, also meeting at Ipswich, with 34 members. In addition to these, there is a warrant in existence, but at present in abeyance, for the Royal Plantagenet Preceptory of Knights Templar.

Much of the other information contained in the book is of the character which is usually met with in such works, having reference to the days of meetings, Officers, &c., of the several Lodges, Chapters, &c., the Grand Officers, &c., and details of the Charities. Altogether, the work may be said to be complete as far as it goes, still, as we have said before, it would be of even greater interest if some of its space was devoted to a *résumé* of the Masonic events which have occurred in the Province during the past. We should be pleased to see Suffolk, which is deserving of high praise in regard to the management of its Charity matters, making a move to remedy this omission, and we feel sure that in such a case the Province would soon find many imitators.

SYMBOLS.

An Address delivered by Rev. George F. Hunting at the Dedication of the new Masonic Temple, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

IN the early pages of an old book which we have been taught to revere is the record of the childhood of our race. A choice bit of man's heritage was set apart by the Supreme Ruler and Giver as the cradle of that childhood. To describe it I shall use but two words, for no attempt at elaboration can express a tithe of what is suggested by these words, "Eden" and "Paradise." Through all the ages the first has been the symbol of whatever is glad and glorious in man's present life, and not less has it been a picture of all the joy and peace and satisfaction within the reach of anticipation. The second is of Persian origin, and was borrowed by the seventy of Alexandria, as a fitting word by which to translate the first. They are therefore really, in our common use, one and the same word, and when we to-day seek an expression which covers all the forms of man's possible felicity, we gladly fall back upon this and sum up all the heavens of real and fancied bliss in this one word "Paradise." Beautiful as Eden; glorious as Paradise;—what words can add to these? They may be demeaned to describe the sensual heaven of the Turk. They may be applied to the "happy hunting grounds" of the red man, or they may give our poor human thought a lift toward the divine, as we look upward and wonder what shall be, when the soul, free from the clods that bind it, shall escape into the beyond. Study these two words in all their far-reaching meaning, and you shall possibly form some adequate conception of what may be hidden in a symbol.

And now we come down through the ages until a time when the Omnipotent reversed the hand which held the flood, and in silent solitude the ark floats above the deluged world.

These are two symbols, the flood and the Ark, and they mean—the one destruction, overthrow, and the other, rescue, safety, security. And the words deluge and ark have lost none of their suggestive significance by their transfer from that far-off age to our own. Turn now a leaf and see where presumptuous mortals planned to scale heaven's walls and get to themselves a name; and they succeeded, for the name is Babel, and it lives, and is familiar to our ears to-day, as the symbol of confusion and crestfallen conceit. Turn yet other leaves of the wondrous story, and lo! men build according to the plan drawn upon the trestleboard of heaven, the tabernacle, the tent of Jehovah, and it is, as a whole, and its every several part, a symbol in which is written some moral truth.

It would be interesting to trace the symbolic teaching through all the parts of this strange building, to show how aptly the curtains, the vails, the boards, the pins, the rings, the staves and the bars, the hooks, the loops and the tenons, and even the colour of the different vails, are all made, without any forced application, to teach truth. And yet more wonderful is the teaching of the furniture of the tent, and especially the Ark and its contents and appurtenances. The tables of the law, the pot of manna, and the rod of Aaron, are the most significant symbols.

I say it would be interesting to trace the line of instruction through all its parts until we mastered this rare, unique system of ethics, so strange, yet so beautiful, so grandly impressive in its simplicity; but we can follow the fascinating theme no farther, lest we tire your patience with many words. Another step down the long ladder, toward our time, or more justly up the ladder, and see, from the hill-tops of Judea curl heavenward the smoke of ten thousands altars. Each bleeding, burning victim is a type, and in after time, upon another hill-top of that land, behold the antitype, the one chief sacrifice toward which the lesser pointed through all the long centuries of expectation. The victim was such an one as wrung from the pagan heart of a Roman soldier the confession, "Truly, this man was the Son of God."

And again a symbol, for the cross on which that greater sacrifice breathed out its life has grown from a suggestion of torture and agony into a thing most sacred. It has led martyrs to the stake and armies to the fiercest fight earth ever saw. It has kindled faith and hope among the millions of Christendom, and the fire burns in their hearts to-day—each, the martyr, the soldier, and the humble disciple, looking upon that symbol, catching from it inspiration, toils onward, upward, with this its glad "Excelsior!" "In hoc signo vinces." And now, from this climax of symbolism let us descend to another branch of the theme before us.

Egypt is the land of symbols. The valley of the Nile is Egypt. Along the banks of this historic river the student of the mysterious finds most ample breadth for the exercise of his skill. Shaft, column, pyramid, and ruined wall, are but the tablets on which the history of nations dead is written, in symbols which baffled all scholars until the key was found.

In 1799 was discovered in the delta of the Nile the so-called "Rosetta Stone," bearing upon its side inscriptions in three styles of character, the first and second ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics—and the third Greek.

This was the key. It fitted the lock, and within these eighty years, little by little, the old inscriptions have yielded to the painstaking, indefatigable study of oriental scholars, until to-day whole libraries are composed of translations from those records of the past. Some one will perhaps sneer at this and ask, Of what use is all this labour? Why not let the dead past lie in its grave? Why disturb the mouldering remains of thing which have dropped out of the records of time? Our mistake lies in our ignorance. The record was not dead but slept, and men have done well to arouse it from its slumber, and bid it tell for us the mysteries in its keeping. The past is indeed in some sense dead, but so are the foundation facts of geology, and of almost every science, and it is one of the triumphs of the human mind that it has unearthed these bottom truths, for they afford a firm base for that superstructure which helps us in our daily needs. And here the importance of that maze of marks and signs which is found upon the walls of ruined splendour along the Nile begins to be seen and felt.

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Had the history of that far by-gone been written in books, like ours, it might have been, and in all probability would have been destroyed, as was that vast library of Alexandria and our modern world have never known its secrets. The symbols cut in enduring rock could not be altogether destroyed, and they have held their story safe from those who would have effaced it had they known its import, and preserved it for an age when the world needed it, and then revealed to diligent search such wonders as grow more and more astonishing at every added page of the new revelation. The single item of the testimony found to corroborate Scripture history is enough to give value to these symbols, and pay for the long labour given to their explanation.

Then, too, there have come to us, through this channel, hints concerning mathematical and astronomical science which have already been found important as data for our present study, and their importance grows as the world gathers wisdom, and finds here and there through all its building vacant places which these old facts, and they alone, will fit and fill, and so make the work complete. Let no man then despise those whose zeal is kindled into enthusiasm over a half-effaced inscription on some old monument, or who search for hidden wisdom among the wrappings of a mummied king who died before the rushes grew which sheltered the infant Moses.

I can conceive how such pursuits may have a fascination for some minds, and I am ready to acknowledge my indebtedness to those explorers who subsoil for me the ground where my plowshare can only mark the surface. But let us look for a moment at yet another field. Our own land is a treasure-house of ancient symbols, of which we know as yet but every little. Each year of study adds to our stock of knowledge touching a people who once occupied the mountains, hills and prairies which we call ours to-day. Who or what they were we may not yet decide, for no key has been found to unlock the secrets so plentifully written upon the rocks of Colorado and Arizona, and more sparingly distributed through other portions of the West. Who were the mound-builders, and what was the design of the landmarks which they have left behind? Did the ten lost tribes of Israel find their way to this western world, and perish here? Who were the ancestors of the red-men whom our fathers found in possession of this land? And as we explore the caves and dens in the rocks between our bounds and the Pacific, and study the symbols cut upon their sides, and ask, Who? echo as yet answers, "Who?" But, in due time the key will doubtless be found. Some western Rosetta Stone will come to light, and a new book be opened to the world whose startling revelations may revolutionize our theories concerning the past of our country.

I have gone over this field, my brothers, with a hasty stride, only to kindle in your minds, if I may, some better conception of the length and breadth and importance of that vast field of which we are becoming comparatively familiar with one little acre. I have not confined myself to the strictly defined meaning of the word symbol, for I am not aiming at an exact treatise, but only desire to place before you such hints as shall lead to thought touching what is to me a very interesting field for exploration.

Symbolism, the symbolism of the world, is a study of such grand proportions as shall employ the time and talent of generations of students yet unborn. The magnitude of the whole should give us a better and broader appreciation of our little system of Masonic symbols, and lead us to study them as we have not been wont to do. There are mines of truth beneath the ground where we have examined but a spade's depth, and whole treasures of wisdom lie stored away in the secret tills of the chest, while we as yet are only playing upon the lid. We cannot find them all to-night, but let us look a little among such as we have found, and it may be we shall be quickened to profounder study, which shall bring profit alike to the mind and heart. If we have no higher use for symbols than to make them the agency for political chicanery, or commercial roguery, in the line of a blind cypher which is a cloak for fraud we had best let them alone. And there are other abuses of symbols, besides these, and a sometimes negligence of the lessons to be found in them, which leave their marks of ill, or fail of their legitimate work upon our hearts and lives, through our own fault.

Let us look now at our symbolism, my brothers, and let the truth suggested lie down close to our individual lives. To the uninitiated the Master's carpet, or chart, with its apparently incongruous assemblage of emblems, is a meaningless thing, and it has occurred to me that we who are within the mystic circle do not all duly appreciate the lessons hidden beneath our beautiful system of hieroglyphics.

Enshrined within these significant symbols dwell together, shrouded in mystery, the genii of poetry and music. Void and voiceless to the outer world, to us, if we indeed have ears to hear—to us, if the soul listens—they are vocal with lessons of wisdom and melody almost divine.

To the world that rough ashlar is but the figure of an unhewn stone, to us it is a human soul, fresh from the quarry of the infinite, to be by us carved and polished into beauty. The gavel and the guage to eyes yet hoodwinked are only the tools wherewith the mechanic plies his vocation. To us the one represents a perfect rule by which to divide and use the hours allotted to us here, and the other suggests the myriad agencies by which the sharp angles and inequalities of our humanity are to be chipped away, and the rough ashlar cut to a plan laid down upon the trestleboard of God.

The plumb and the square are to the stranger without only the builder's implements, and have no significance beyond their material form and ordinary use. To us these things, so common-place, are teachers, and with a voice which challenges attention they tell of that stern uprightness which should ever characterize a true manhood, of that right and exact virtue which should govern the life and make it beautiful, and of that earthly plane along which we are passing swiftly and surely, toward that goal where uprightness and virtue, obliquity and vice, shall find their due reward.

The compasses lie with the square, and to us they signify the control of bodily desires and appetites within the circumference of a pure and virtuous life. That isolated point within the circle is impressive. It means you, my brother, and me, and that circle means the bound which we may not pass without sin.

The twin tangents on the right and left are holy men whose lives are worthy our imitation, and upon the boundary line above rests heaven's holy will revealed to man.

Therefore, we may not burst these bonds without tramping upon the example of the good and great of the past, and more than all, treading beneath our feet the authority of Almighty God.

The three steps, the pot of incense, the bee-hive, the anchor, the ark, the hour-glass and the scythe, the trowel, the spade, the coffin and the sprig of acacia, and above them that all-seeing eye, that eye of God, all these are replete with suggestive moral lessons, and they demand from every brother not only thoughtful attention, but an earnest struggle after that purity of life toward which these symbols point as the climax of human excellence.

Each of these items in the object lesson before us might be developed and elaborated into an address quite long enough for this occasion, and merely to enumerate them as I have done is only to suggest what I trust each brother will think out for himself, for here is food for thought which the years will not exhaust. By no other channel does moral truth appeal to man more forcibly, or reach him more readily, than by such a system of pregnant symbols. But there are conditions even here. There are men in whose souls there seems to be no poetry, no music, and the words of Shakespeare come to mind, as a fit comment just here.

> "The man that hath no music in himself,
> Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
> Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils.
> The motions of his spirit are dull as night,
> And his affections dark as Erebus.
> Let no such man be trusted.

There is a natural refinement of soul which instinctively apprehends the lesson of a symbol. Education cannot give this refinement, but only help to develop it. It is often found among the unlettered, cropping out from its coarse surroundings, like a violet from the thorn-hedge. If it be in the man, study will bring it out. Therefore, our duty as those whose best moral culture is attainable by a proper understanding of symbols—our duty, I say, is to give time and thought to the dissection and careful examination of these picture lessons which are always before us. Analyze the trowel, the spade and the coffin, and see what there is in them; for, as

> "The toad, ugly and venomous,
> Wears yet a precious jewel on his head;"

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so, under the cover of these plain, ordinary things, there are grand, glorious truths. A chestnut burr is an uncomfortable thing to handle, but if you would get at the sweet kernel within it you must break the rude covering. So, if one would enjoy and profit by these lessons, of which our Masonic symbolism is so full, he must penetrate the external form by thought, aided by imagination. The man whose soul is full of poetry and music will lay hold of these hidden things at once, for his mind revels in the field to which our symbols belong, and yet this same gifted one may make no proper use of the lessons so readily acquired. Something further is demanded, and that something is an inherent manliness, a love of truth and right for its own sake. A thirst for gold inspires men to delve in the mine, to blast down huge mountains of quartz, turn rivers from their long-worn beds, and ransack the very bowels of creation in their eager search. So a thirst for truth will urge men to pierce the walls wherewith it is hemmed in, and cut their way through every obstacle till they reach the inner sanctum of the God of truth. The external form of the casket may be rough and uncouth, but within are treasures worth all the labour of unlocking them. The outside of our symbols, the mere form of the arch and pillars, with their chapiters and globes, their lily and pommegranate work, though comely, are but unmeaning shapes. But bring to your aid the "open sesame" of persistent thought and eager desire after truth, and these same arches and pillars are rich with helpful suggestion towards a higher and better life. Our symbols are stepping-stones towards that which is most excellent, and we, who are free to climb the inviting way, are surely to be blamed if we fail of reaching the upper plane of that moral ladder whose lowest round stands on a level with every apprentice, and over whose cloud-veiled top the Supreme Architect stoops down to the humblest of us all, and whispers, "Come up higher."

The motive that induced most of us to knock at the doors of the Lodge was either curiosity or the feeling that Masonry was an institution to which it was an honour to belong. Curiosity has been satisfied—Masonry has honoured us, and yielded us advantage. Have we also honoured it? We are really an advantage to Masonry in so far as we are worthy members of the Craft, only in so far as the virtues symbolized on the Master's carpet find place in our lives.

A man may be "well posted," as the phrase goes, and yet not be a good Mason, through lack of moral integrity. He may know all that the symbols teach, and have the unwritten work at his tongue's end, and yet be a drunkard and a libertine, a dishonest trickster in business, or a bold blasphemer of that God to whom at this altar he prayed for help and light, and in whom he professed to put his trust. To use the exhortation of the word of God which graces our altar, "My brethren, these things ought not so to be." To say that a man is a Mason ought to be equivalent to an assurance that he is a man to be trusted anywhere and everywhere. It ought to be a voucher for purity and uprightness in all the relations of life. Is it so? Is there no stain upon the lambskin, my brother? I am not speaking professionally, nor do I violate the rules of our Order by any attempt to press upon your attention in this place a religious creed. I have used the words, morals and morality, with studied care, for Masonry is not, and does not claim to be religion, but only an excellent code of morals. I speak as a man and a Mason, as one who deems himself honoured by this badge, and laments that he has not always honoured it. I simply ask your candid, thoughtful attention to the symbols of which I have spoken, and those of the higher degrees of which I have no time to speak, and I ask you, What do these tell us we as Masons ought to be, and how far do our lives correspond with their teaching? What King Solomon was, or what was the character of Hiram of Tyre is of comparatively little importance to us of to-day. We are responsible for our own deeds, and not those of our long-ago buried, royal brothers. The question for us to answer is not, What was Washington? but What are we? If we revere the memory of Washington, let our lives be such that we may dare to claim kinship to him, the good and great, whose ashes sleep at Mount Vernon.

Brothers, the sand in the hour-glass is swiftly running—the spade stands ready to do its last work for us. The coffin is open, and the grave waits. The sprig of acacia, already grown for some of us, hangs green upon the bough, ready for the hand of those who over us shall whisper, "Alas, my brother!" Has our trowel done its work? Do our lives tally with the plumb-line, the compass and the square? Has the gavel been duly used, and well? Has the rough ashlar been polished and made ready, and is it, to-night, a perfect ashlar, waiting for some noble place in the goodly temple of our God? Will the stone fit the niche?—the exact and perfect niche arranged for it by the Divine Architect. To aid in securing fitness for that niche is the grand end and aim of all the teaching of our glorious symbolism.

As in that temple of the holy land,
Whose mighty pillars, as by magic wand,
Rose toward the heavens, each beam and stone were found,
From loftiest pinnacle to solid ground,
Hewn out on Lebanon, with wondrous skill,
Matched each to each, one only place to fill;
So in that higher temple is a niche
For every being: for the poor and rich,
The high, the low, the freeman and the slave;
Some, deep foundation stones, or gilded nave,
Some lofty spire, or heaven-daring tower,
And each owes all its beauty, all its power,
Its wondrous symmetry, and matchless grace,
To this one fact, 'twas fitted for its place.

X, Y, AND Z.

SOME of the old Masonic books tell us that once upon a time Geometry and Masonry were synonymous. We can believe it. There is much in common between the two. Geometry can only be worked out by means of Algebra, and in Algebra there are certain unknown quantities, represented by X, Y, and Z. In Algebra and Geometry not a few students become familiar with the forms of these X's, Y's, and Z's, without finding out what they mean. Freemasonry also has its X's, Y's, and Z's, and although every initiate has them on his tongue, some never find out their values, or, in other words, what they mean. Brethren learn the symbols—intimately learn them, without ever discovering what they stand for. Strange, do you say? Not at all. Many students graduate in Algebra and Geometry without being able to discover for themselves the values of X, Y, and Z. They slip through without learning anything. We once knew a Professor of Mathematics (now deceased), who, though he was expert at figures and letters himself, never manifested the least ability to teach Geometry to others. So some Masters of Lodges are more ornamental than useful. They may be able to set down the example on the board (so to speak), write down X, Y, and Z, but as for establishing their values, that is more than they dream of doing. And yet every Freemason is entitled to learn and know all there is in Masonry. Every Freemason is privileged to become intimately acquainted with every one of its secrets. Every Freemason ought to know what Masonry is, and why it is—in other words to be acquainted with it through and through.

It is a common saying of the *profane* that there are *no* secrets in Masonry. No secrets! The Craft is full of them. These secrets naturally fall into two great classes, the avowed and the unavowed. Ostensibly, all of the former are made apparent to the initiate; really, almost all of the latter, forming the larger and really more important class, are hidden from his eyes. Yet the examination of a proposed visitor to a Lodge often proves how little he knows of even the A, B, C's, of Masonry, to say nothing of the X, Y, Z's. But we shall not now refer, except in passing, to the A, B, C's, reserving our remarks for the more recondite X, Y, Z's.

Freemasonry professes to give each of its initiates an explanation of all of its forms and ceremonies. This is apparent at every initiation, and it not only strives to accomplish, but does accomplish much in this direction. There is however, so *much* in Masonry, that the usual formal explanations fail to bring all of the kernel of meaning out of the nut of ceremony. To get at this, supplementary teaching is necessary, and this it is especially the prerogative of the W.M. to give. He is the Master of the Lodge, the teacher of its Geometry or Algebra, the authorized explainer of its X, Y, and Z. Hence the importance of elevating, in succession, the ablest Brethren in the Lodge to the station of W.M. This Masonic officer should be a Brother who can work well, and explain well his work—one who knows familiarly both the X, Y, and Z, and the A, B, and C, of Masonry.

But what about these X's, Y's, and Z's? What are their exact values? We can only call attention to the subject

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here, without being able to go into details. There is a time and a place where these can be made fully apparent, but it is not here and now. But we may indicate what we mean. It is possible to know the significance of certain forms, without learning the scope and meaning of the whole. Indeed, the latter is usually disposed of with a word. What is the prevailing teaching of the E.A. degree? Does the initiate usually apprehend it? Or does he learn it as a sort of X, Y, or Z, perhaps ever to remain an unknown quantity in his mind? Doubtless in too many cases this is true. The initiate possesses the skeleton of Masonry, without having it clothed with flesh and blood, without having had breathed into it the breath of life. And he fraternally grasps this dead body through life, and tries to persuade himself that it is a living friend, a true brother, when all the time it is nothing but a skeleton, which may move its limbs like a jumping Jack, when the string is pulled, but has no power to move itself, or to move him. Take the F.C. degree, and a similar remark is applicable to it; while the M.M. degree is a perfect maze of unexplained, but not unexplainable, mysteries.

What a wonderful opportunity does Freemasonry afford for delight and instruction to the loving student of its mysteries! He may begin to discover them immediately after he has received the First degree, and from the time that he subsequently receives the Second and Third degrees, and the Royal Arch degree, he may continue to pursue his studies, and receive his reward, until time shall be no more with him, and he be raised to the Grand Lodge above. The affluence of intellectual wealth in Freemasonry is past computation. It is this which attaches to it men of the largest attainments, the finest culture, and the maturest age. Brethren grow old in its service without ever growing weary of it. Past Grand Masters are as fond of it, more fond of it indeed, than the most enthusiastic tyro. The reason is, they know, better than most others, the values of the X, Y, and Z in Freemasonry.

It is a familiar truth in Masonry that it is full of triads. We have a triad exemplified in the work of the Lodge, which we may state thus:—It should be correct in form, impressive in rendition, and clear in meaning; in other words, it should be the true work, emphatically delivered, and adequately explained. If you have all of this you have perfect Freemasonry; if you lack a part of it you have a fragmentary Freemasonry, and if you have but a small fraction of each you have—what you have, and the less you think of it the better, for it is an abortion.

Brethren, strive to learn the entire alphabet of Masonry. All learn their A, B, C, and some learn to mind their P's and Q's, but quite a number fail to comprehend their X, Y, Z. They are not very hard to learn either. Every one may learn them, and it is the purpose of *The Keystone* so to dispense Light in Masonry as to render this task easier, and thus increase both the knowledge and the pleasure of every one of its Masonic readers.—*Keystone.*

MASONIC CULTURE.

THE word culture has a pleasing sound, and is often used to smooth off a sentence, little regard being had to its large import. Intrinsically, however, the word is one of vast and varied significance. It may be applied to the whole nature of man, representing a training of the body, an enlightenment of the mind, an expansion of the affection and sympathies, together with a right direction and use of the moral faculties, such as impart fullness of life to a being thus pre-eminently endowed. In its unrestricted meaning it may well serve to indicate that grace and strength of human character—that symmetrical development of the intellectual and moral powers—which come as the results of earnest thought and striving for the best things of mortal accomplishment.

Culture in this general sense stands for the noblest work in which man may engage. It points to his improvement in some way—to his rise from an inferior to a superior condition. It implies greater productiveness of life—and also more of knowledge and more of blessedness. As a modern writer states the proposition: "All culture is beneficent: it brings out the reserved forces of our endowment, it makes us feel our true relations to the world about us, and it must unquestionably refine our nature, and elevate us in the scale of being." This was the view taken by Goethe who says: "It matters but little whether a man be mathematically or philologically or artistically cultivated, so he but cultivated."

It may justly be claimed for Freemasonry that it renders some aid in a work of general training of the heart and the life. Its Province is to broaden and deepen the currents of human thought. It has a recognised ministry of instruction and enlightenment, whilst its influence is always felt on the side of a generous culture which seeks to exalt man above ignorance, pride, vanity, and all debasing passions, and so present him in his nearest possible resemblance to a perfected, qualified humanity.

There is, however, a technical culture in Freemasonry by no means to be disregarded—a culture important in itself and also as constituting an essential preparation for that more general work of enlightenment and discipline already indicated. Masonic culture is a phrase that must carry with it first of all the idea of an understanding of the system that is included within the broad lines of our Fraternity. There can be no culture such as is entitled to the prefix of *Masonic* unless a due amount of study has been given to the underlying principles and teachings of the Institution, thereby reaching some clear perceptions as to its character and purposes. Then there must be an acquaintance with forms and ceremonies, so as to know what these observances are, when used, how applied and how related to each other, together with their moral significance. It is a mistake to suppose that one can acquire all needed culture in these matters by "passing through" the various degrees and orders which belong to the Masonic system, or witnessing now and then—at very distant intervals, perhaps—the rendering of the work. Something more is requisite if one would be a cultured Mason even according to this lower form of designation. The inquiring mind must apply its powers to discern the intended application of varied forms and practices,—the meaning of ceremonies that in themselves may seem very silly, but which rightly understood will take on a very different character. The intelligent Craftsman will of necessity be a student in respect of whatever belongs to the prescribed expression of Masonic truth, while he will note with care all signs and tokens—symbols as well as words—bearing upon the illustration of these various lessons brought to his attention.

Masonic culture, even as thus limited, makes too many demands on brethren to be altogether popular. Some cannot give the time; some have not the inclination; others do not realise the worth of such study and application; while others who are prompt attendants upon Festival occasions seemingly care nothing for the Masonic system or organisation except as its social features are presented. And so the class of the non-cultured is exceedingly large. Brethren take all the degrees and gain high honours, but they do not master the first principles in the science of Masonry; they do not study the ritual nor give careful scrutiny to the ceremony; they do not think, read and investigate in order to become cultivated and proficient in the Royal Art. It needs no argument to show that such as these add but little to the strength and efficiency of the organisation. Only the well-informed and well-disciplined—they who comprehend the essential nature and genius of the Masonic system—can be relied upon to stand by the Fraternity in any exigency that may arise, and to be faithful under all conditions and at all times. Our sacred trusts are safe only as ability, intelligence and virtue shall have prevailing power in the hearts and lives of brethren—only as such a class shall have controlling influence in the counsels of the Craft. They who are thus and need being well versed in the technical law of Fr[illegible] standing its history, and appreciating [illegible] and its moral teachings are best prepared to make it more effective in its most important uses for the [illegible] men, and to lead it on in the way of a [illegible] are to be the teachers, helpers, inspirers of [illegible] informed and less strong—remembering always the duty and responsibility [illegible] whom much is given of the same [illegible]

Freemason's Depositor.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As Spring approaches, a favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matter to be by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deep-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, fulness after eating, lassitude, gout, and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.

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MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE Mark Master Masons of Monmouthshire held the annual meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Newport, under the banner of the Keystone Lodge, No. 109. The proceedings were of a very interesting character, the principal event of the day being the installation of Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, D.P.G.M. of Craft Masonry of Monmouthshire, as Prov. G. Mark Master. Bro. R.C. Else P.G.M.M.M. of Somerset undertaking the duty of Installation. Amongst those present was Bro. Frederick Binckes Past Grand Warden and Grand Mark Secretary of England. The programme was speedily and ably gone through, the Installation ceremony being particularly well conducted. The following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers:—

Bro. Major A Thrale Perkins	Deputy G.M.
J. C. Hunter Little	S.W.
Alfred Taylor	J.W.
Rev. D. Bowen	Chaplain
J. Porter Fowler	M.O.
J. O. Marsh	S.O.
Andrew McMahon	J.O.
Giles Golding	Registrar of Marks
Samuel Davies	Treasurer
Edwin J. Whitley	Secretary
J. Davies	Assistant Secretary
George Beavis	S.D.
J. Jewel Williams	J.D.
J. Holman Dunn	Inspector of Works
J. G. Hedges	Sword Bearer
S. O. Peglar	Standard Bearer
H. R. Hudson	Director of Ceremonies
T. W. Mitchell	Assistant Director of Cer.
J. G. Thomas	Inner Guard
A. Thornton, Daniel Evans, William Parsons, J. N. Barnett	Stewards
H. Fletcher	Tyler

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, a banquet followed at the Westgate Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master being supported by his Deputy, Bro. John Walker P.G.M.M.M. Gloucestershire, Fred. Binckes P.G. Warden G. Sec., R. C. Else P.G.M.M.M. Somerset, Col. Chas. Lyne D.P.G.M.M.M., Thos. M. Humphries P.P.G.S.W., Staffordshire, William Watkins P.G. Standard Bearer Eng., R. V. Vassar-Smith P.P.G.D.M.M.M. Gloucestershire, C. W. Radway P.G.D Eng., E. H. Davies P.P.G.J.O., S. G. Homfray jun., Thos. Harrhy P.P.G.J.W. J., O. Marsh P.G. Stwd. Eng.; and others. In due course the Prov. Grand Master proceeded with the toast list, first giving the Queen and Mark Masonry. As loyal subjects they hoped Her Majesty might long be spared to reign over them. The next toast was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.M.G.M.M. nominate. The brethren were pleased to find His Royal Highness was taking such a deep interest in Masonry. On the occasion of His Royal Highness being installed as the Grand Mark Master, he (the speaker) should make it his duty to represent Monmouth. If their good Secretary (Bro. Binckes) who was present with them—would kindly let him know how far or to what extent he could afford accommodation, he had no doubt that a considerable number of Mark Masons from the Province would attend the installation. Bro. W. Watkins P.M. 109, Past Grand Mark Senior Warden, said he was highly honoured in having to propose the next toast, the M.W.G.M.M.M. the Earl of Kintore. As Mark Masons they were much indebted to his Lordship for what he had done for the Mark degree. It was highly gratifying to know that they would have as his successor His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in whom they would have a most distinguished brother who had expressed himself as highly interested in the advancement of Mark Masonry. Bro. Colonel Lyne Prov. Grand Master (Craft) for Monmouthshire proposed the toast of the R.W. D.G.M.M.M. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, and Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge, Present and Past. He felt a great pleasure in proposing this toast, and coupling with it the names of the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucester and the Grand Secretary of England. They all felt it a high honour for these distinguished brethren to come amongst them on such an interesting occasion. It was a rare circumstance that a Provincial Grand Master was supported by such excellent representatives of the Mark Degree as they found there that night. Referring to Bro. Binckes, Colonel Lyne said he had done, and was continually doing, a vast amount of good in the cause of Masonry. He was sure that when he rose to respond he would be well received. Bro. Walker thanked the brethren most heartily on behalf of the Grand Lodge for the manner in which they had honoured the toast. He regretted that only one supporter from his own Lodge was present; he had hoped several more would have been there. Owing to the weather and other causes, they were prevented from doing honour to their distinguished Bro. Homfray. Bro. Binckes remarked that the frequency and facility afforded him to respond to this toast was the very cause of difficulty to him. He was so frequently called upon at Provincial Grand Lodge meetings to reply that he was almost at a loss for words to change the phraseology of his utterances. It was gratifying for him to note the manner in which this comprehensive toast was received amongst Masons. In conversation with an eminent actor, he had expressed an opinion that it must be monotonous to go through the same performance night after night for a long series of nights. His reply was, "We feel we have a different audience night after night to play to;" and so he might say he had to return thanks for this and other toasts to different companies of brethren. Alluding to the toast, he remarked that their Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, could look back over a long period; of him it might be said that there never was a brother who had met with such an amount of success in his duties, and who had discharged them more faithfully than he had done. He (the speaker) had had a long experience in connection with the Mark degree—twenty-eight years associated with the Order, and he should complete his twenty-fifth year in June next, a quarter of a century in an official position, and even now he was not quite prepared to be laid on the shelf. When he looked back upon Mark Masonry, and saw what it was, as compared with what it is now, and noted the progress it had made, he was more than gratified. In this Province the Order had prospered very much indeed, and he said this without indulging in an invidious comparison. He hoped they would date a new starting point in regard to Mark Masonry in the Province of Monmouthshire. When he looked round those tables, and saw so many who worked so actively in the cause, there was every reason to anticipate greater prosperity. Their excellent brother the P.G.M. of Somerset had done much for the Order. They had elected a progressive Prov. Grand Master for Monmouthshire, and they had taken the first opportunity to incorporate the name of his Royal Highness with the toast since his election as the Grand Master nominate. Taking the hint already given by the Prov. Grand Master, that at the installation of his Royal Highness he would be there, no doubt, he would be attended by a very large number of brethren from that Province. Speaking eulogistically of the way in which the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucester carried out his duties, Bro. Binckes remarked that, looking back over a long life, he had reason to congratulate himself on the success which had been attained in Mark Masonry, and in fact it had exceeded their most sanguine anticipations. They had now 400 Lodges, and over 20,000 registered members, and he questioned if there was any other branch of their Order which could show such progress. He congratulated the brethren of the Provinces represented on the progress which had been made in Mark Masonry, and hoped the time was not far distant when Mark Masonry would be recognised among the essential degrees of Freemasonry. Right Worshipful Bro. Else proposed the R.W. Bro. S. Homfray P.G.M.M.M. Monmouthshire. This was the toast of the evening, and he felt it a very high compliment to be entrusted with it. He most sincerely congratulated the Prov. G.M. on his election, and paid a high tribute to the ability which he displayed in all that appertained to Masonry. His appointment was an augury of greater progress in the future. In the matter of the Charities, for some time past Bro. Homfray and he had been going hand in hand, and shoulder to shoulder, and in all that they had undertaken they had succeeded. Hence it was he felt so much pleasure in seeing him inducted into the chair. The Provincial Grand Master returned thanks in well-selected terms for the honour which had been accorded to him, and also for the way in which his name had been received, also thanking the visiting brethren for the kindness evinced towards him. A number of other toasts followed, including the Mark Benevolent Fund and other Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who responded in a telling speech, eclipsing his former efforts on behalf of the various Charities in connection with this and other degrees. Other toasts were duly acknowledged and responded to. Throughout the evening the proceedings were enlivened with sentiment and song, and a more convivial gathering has not been held in this Province in connection with Mark Masonry.

ROYAL ARCH.

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RECTITUDE CHAPTER, No. 581.

THE regular meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 1st inst., at the Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Ardwick, Manchester. The Chapter was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the Excellent First Principal Comp. J. T. Richardson, who was assisted by Comp. Rogers H., and Past Principal Julius Arensberg acting as Third Principal, in place of Comp. T. H. Hall, who was unable to be present owing to important business engagements. Much to their credit, every other Officer was present, and there was an average attendance of Companions, with a fair attendance of Visitors who had put in an appearance to do honour to the occasion, which was the presentation of a robe to Comp. J. T. Richardson First Principal, and a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Julius Arensberg, a Past First Principal of this Chapter and Past Prov. Grand Officer. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. S. A. Andrew, a Past Master of the Richmond Lodge; this having proved unanimous, that worthy brother was exalted to the supreme degree of a Holy Royal Arch Mason by Comp. J. R. Richardson in his most impressive and eloquent manner. The lectures were not given on this occasion, but the First Principal explained that it was owing to a great portion of the time of the evening being aked for by the Companions for the presentation business; he, however, promised that the whole of the lectures should be given on the next occasion, by himself and Second and Third Principals, Comps. Rogers and Hall. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting Companions, and Companion H. Darbyshire then congratulated the Excellent First Principal on having the day previously received Prov. Grand honours, by being appointed Second Assistant Principal Sojourner. He also congratulated the Chapter on its receiving, for the first time, Provincial recognition by Comp. Richardson's appointment. Comp. Darbyshire then read a petition which had been prepared and presented to the Prov. G. Superintendent of Works, and proposed such should be recorded on the minutes. He next, on behalf of the Companions, for-

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mally presented the First Principal with a handsome robe, made of scarlet satin, and trimmed with ermine, and in a lengthy speech referred to the valuable services of Comp. Richardson to the Rectitude Chapter. Comp. Rogers Second Principal then, on behalf of the Chapter, presented Comp. Arensberg with a P.Z.'s jewel, and in earnest terms referred to the long and valuable labours of this worthy Companion to Masonry in general. Both presents were suitably acknowledged, and the Chapter was closed in due form, at 8·30 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

AN emergency meeting of this flourishing young Lodge was held on Saturday, the 3rd instant, at the Cook Hotel, Epping. There were present Bros. J. Salmon W.M., J. Woodrow S.W., J. London J.D., J. Lewis I.P.M., E. J. Acworth P.M. Treasurer, G. Dance P.M. Secretary, Fraser S.D., Lawrence I.G., and a number of members and visitors. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual business the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and after answering the usual questions Bro. Smith was raised to the third degree by the W.M., in excellent style. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Abbott having answered the usual questions was passed to the second degree. Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and the ballot being unanimously in their favour, the following gentlemen were duly initiated into our ancient mysteries—Messrs. Roworth, Miller, Taylor, and Odell. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE final meeting of the above Lodge, under the Mastership of its popular Worshipful Master C. J. Craig, was held at the Amherst Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday, the 3rd instant. There were present to support the Master Bros. E. J. Strange S.W., J. J. Birch J.W., R. Durtnell P.M. P.P. Grand Supt. Works Treas., J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, W. Sparrowhawk S.D., P. Hanmer J.D., A. H. Lee I.G., J. Hamlin D.C., F. P. Lee Steward, E. J. Dodd P.M. P.P.G.O., A. W. Duret P.M., T. J. Baker P.M., C. J. Dodd P.M., C. E. Birch I.P.M., A. Ross Organist, Pascoe, Hooker, Dixon, D. J. Kent, Burfoot, Wallace, Lloyd, J. Barker, J. Fyfe, W. H. Cate, Ryder, Stevenson, S. Hall, H. S. Strange, T. Baker, Gething, H. W. Dodd, Townend, Newberry, Hutchings. Visitors—C. J. Wing 1678, J. H. Meyer 1559, N. H. Turner 2000, Gibson 1658, Woods 1475. Bro. P.M. Duret raised Bros. Burfoot, Fyfe, Barker, and Hutchings, taking them two at a time, in the order named. The Worshipful Master then resumed the chair, and Bro. E. J. Strange was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. P. M. Durtnell was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. South Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Craig. Four initiates were proposed, and will be ballotted for at the next meeting. Bro. P.M. Baker then proposed a vote of condolence to the family of Bro. Shorey, a member of the Lodge lately deceased; this was agreed to. The Lodge then adjourned. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Strange presented a handsome banner, painted by himself, to the Lodge. It represented the arms of the Earl of Amherst, and was received by the brethren with honours. The Lodge, it may be remarked here, is named after the Provincial Grand Master.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on Monday evening last, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Temple, 38 St. Peter's Street, Canterbury. Present—Bro. Cockersell W.M., Tomblings S.W., Pepper J.W., Abbs Secretary, Develin S.D., M'Clintock J.D., Pasmore Steward, Simms I.G., Blake Tyler, Hammond I.P.M. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The questions leading from the first to the second degree, were put to Bro. Pasmore, and answered correctly. This brother then retired. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Hammond I.P.M. acting as candidate, Bro. Cockersell very ably giving the charge. The Lodge was then lowered to the first degree. The working tools were explained by Bros. Pepper, McClintock, Simms, Tomblings, and Abbs. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry in general or of this Lodge of Instruction in particular, the same was closed in due form.

Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541.—The usual meeting of this highly-flourishing Lodge of Instruction was held on Saturday evening, 3rd April, at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New Road, and was well attended by members of the Craft. Although this is professedly a Lodge of Instruction, since the time it has been in existence, as the offspring of the parent Lodge, it has carried out to a great extent the general principles which are the distinguishing characteristics of our Order; and prominent amongst them the brightest ornament that can adorn our Masonic profession, which is charity. Every meeting of its members is turned to a practical development of that great principle, and although the means by which it is carried out are but slow in their application, there is a steady determination and continuity in the means by which the results are obtained. Not a meeting passes over but something is done in aid of the great object that all true Masons have in view, and although an edifice cannot at once be reared, every one is always ready to lay a brick in building the foundation, if not the superstructure which may be placed upon it. These remarks have been drawn from a personal visit to this Lodge, and from an indisputable fact, that the great object of Masonry is here carried out, nurtured and cherished, and that from a very humble sour of great good has been obtained. The Lodge itself is well worked, and, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. J. R. Stacey, the pure Ritual of Freemasonry can always be obtained by those members of the Craft who, in taking office, wish to do credit to themselves and confer honour upon the Lodges to which they belong. At the last meeting of the Lodge, on Saturday last, Bro. Edman occupied the chair of W.M., Bro. Ruffen S.W., and Bro. Maxted J.W., and the ceremony of initiation was most creditably rehearsed, Bro. Harvey being the candidate, with all the Officers well up to their work. Several sections of the degree were worked, and after some alterations were agreed to in respect of the bye laws, a most interesting and truly Masonic gathering was brought to a close.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury N. Bros. Dixie W.M., Turner S.W., Weeden J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hancock S.D., Keogh I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. White candidate. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form. Bro. Turner will occupy the chair on Monday next, 12th inst.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Dudley Rolls. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information, two grants were made to ex-pupils towards outfit, the sum given in one case being £20, and in the other £5. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been fortunate in securing the services of the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, as Chairman for its Festival, which will be held on the 30th June next. We hope the brethren of Norfolk, and indeed of England generally, will rally round Lord Suffield, and render his presidency of the Boys' School Festival one of the most successful ever known. The Institution has recently made considerable additions to the number of its beneficiaries, and as a consequence additional support is needed. We sincerely trust the appeal which is now being made to the Craft on its behalf may be warmly responded to.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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SUPPERS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I shall be very glad if you, or any of your readers, will kindly inform me what is the usual refreshment (if any) allowed by a Lodge to the Committee of Reference, or Audit Committee, at their annual Audit meeting. I may inform you that in my mother Lodge the said Committee consists of at least twelve members, and the sum of £10 is charged in the account of the Lodge for their supper. On inquiry, I am informed that the charge is the usual one, and is made in other Lodges, as I shall find. I may add that I happen to belong to another Lodge, where the charge I have named is not made at all. I speak with authority, being one of the Audit Committee, and if my brother Auditors and myself require any refreshments while performing our arduous (?) duties, we put our hands in our *own* pockets to pay for what we require. I have no doubt that I shall learn through your columns that the practice I have alluded to is not so general as the Officers of my mother Lodge seem to think.

Yours fraternally,
AUDITOR.

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EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,
Wednesday, 30th June 1886.

The RIGHT HON. LORD SUFFIELD,
R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk,
Has kindly consented to preside.

Notice of place, and other particulars, will be duly announced.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.
OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
31st March 1886.

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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, 12th April 1886, 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, 12 brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—
By Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, Vice-Patron—
"That so much of the minutes of the Quarterly General Court of Monday, 11th January 1886, as refers to alteration of the mode of election of the House Committee be not confirmed."

To elect 30 boys from a list of 48 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.
3rd April 1886.

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KNIGHT TEMPLARY IN NEBRASKA.

A NEATLY got-up *brochure*, containing the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, at its thirteenth annual Conclave, is to hand, and from it we learn that the gathering, in the Asylum of Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, New Masonic Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska, was attended by representatives from ten of the thirteen chartered Commanderies of the Jurisdiction, under the presidency of R.E. Sir Thomas Sewell Grand Commander. The acting Grand Captain-General, Sir Edgar S. Dudley, formed the assembled Knights, and the Grand Commander entered and assumed the command. After inspection, review, rehearsal, and devotions, the Grand Commandery entered upon the labours of the annual Conclave. On the first evening of the session credentials were presented of Officers and members entitled to seats, and who included representatives of Mounts Calvary, Olivet, Carmel, Moriah, Zion, Lebanon, Hermon, Sinai, Tabor, Horeb, Nebo, Hebron, and Palestine. In delivering his annual address, the Grand Commander welcomed the representatives with unfeigned pleasure to the Conclave. Through the tender mercies of Almighty God they were again permitted to assemble around the altar and offer up their thanks to the Giver of all good for the many tokens of His unbounded love. Not only as Templars had they been favoured, but as a State. The earth had yielded an abundant harvest, and the granaries of the husbandmen were filled to overflowing. Their numbers had been materially increased, and he hoped the material thus received into their asylum would add lustre and honour to their noble Order. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout their jurisdiction. Reference is then made to the religious service at Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, on Ascension Day, which was followed by a banquet given by the courteous and generous Templars of the Mount Calvary Commandery, then Grand Commander Sewell installed the Officers elect for the ensuing year, and a pilgrimage was made to the homes of several of Omaha's honoured Knights, "whose unbounded hospitality was appreciated by all participating." Speaking of the foreign correspondence, the Grand Commander returned thanks to E. Sir John J. Monell jun. for his report, which was alike creditable to himself as well as to this Grand Body. He accepted, in July, on behalf of himself and staff, an invitation from the Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, Lincoln, to participate with them in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the State Capitol of Nebraska; and in May he installed the Officers of the Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, Lincoln; and the Mount Calvary Commandery, No. 1, Omaha; at the same time and place installing Sir Charles A. Holmes as Grand Standard Bearer, he not being present at the installation of Grand Officers. Feeling reference was made to the death of Sir Knight Wm. B. White, who was "well and favourably known throughout our State." A peculiar sadness surrounded this comrade's death. A few hours preceding his demise a son was born to him. He took the babe in his arms, kissed and blessed it, and after naming it after himself his spirit passed through the Golden Gate. In his death was extinguished one of the brightest lights in the asylum of Mount Calvary Commandery. The decease was also noted of Sir Elbert Hartwell English, who was "an able and profound jurist; and well known throughout this State," and of Sir Hiram Hubbard Past Grand Commander of Illinois. A general order had been received from the Most Eminent Grand Master Sir Robert Enoch Withers, recognising the Supreme Grand Priory of Canada as a sovereign and independent body. Several "decisions" were then set out, referring to a request from Mount Nebo Commandery for a special dispensation to change the date of their Conclave, in respect of which he declined, "believing that the emergency did not exist that required such a stretch of authority as to change the Bye-laws of a subordinate Commandery," adding that the undoubted prerogative of the Grand Commander to grant Dispensations should only be exercised in extreme cases. Special Dispensations had been granted to various Commanderies, amongst others to appear in uniform and attend religious services at the City of Grand Island; to participate in the exercises of Decoration Day at Beatrice; to act as an escort to the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the new State Capitol building; to march, in uniform, as Red Cross Knights, from the Asylum of the Mount Moriah Commandery at Lincoln, to the Commercial Hotel, to attend a banquet; to the Mount Lebanon Commandery to appear in full uniform on Easter Sunday for the purpose of attending Divine service in one of the churches of Grand Island; and to Mount Hermon Commandery to ballot on certain petitions for the Orders of Knighthood within less time than that provided by the Code of Statutes. Visitations were made during the year to several Commanderies, all of which were well Officered and in fine condition. Some of the Asylums were described as models of perfection, and the Grand Commander observed "there is nothing I can say that will give additional lustre to their well-earned fame, which has spread both far and wide, for knightly deeds and acts of pure beneficence." At the Easter Sunday service with Mount Moriah Commandery, at Lincoln, "forty swords were presented, and each Sir Knight renewed his vows of fealty to the risen Christ, with a renewed determination to wield his sword in defence of the Christian religion." Holy Trinity Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers and evergreens, the floral offerings being emblematic of the Order. Recommendations as to uniformity of costume in the various Commanderies, ritual, and other matters, concluded the Grand Commander's address, which was listened to with rapt attention.

An interesting feature in the Conclave was the presentation, by Mrs. Edwin Davis, of Omaha (wife of Sir Edwin Davis I.) of the portrait of the First Grand Commander Sir Henry Porter Deuel, in which that lady addressed the Conclave as "Gentlemen Sirs," and says:

"During the tournaments and public assemblies held in the ages of the Crusades, when the orders of Knighthood seem to have had their origin, great regard was shown to ladies, and a chaplet of flowers bestowed by the hands of a fair lady upon the brow of a knight, victorious in their trials of skill, was deemed the highest honour. The history of those times furnishes innumerable instances of the daring deeds done by knights in defence of female innocence. There are many reasons why all ladies should be the friends of the Templars. My own personal esteem for them is greatly strengthened from the fact that its ranks contain many near relatives and friends, and it has been a cherished wish with me for a long while, to do something that might meet their approval. It has not been an easy matter with me to determine in what manner to do this. The days of victorious wreaths are numbered with the dead past, and a new order of things reign, in which all Sir Knights are to be honoured, instead of one who was victorious in single combat in the olden time. Thinking possibly it might be pleasing to the Grand Commandery to have a portrait of its first Grand Commander, Sir Henry Porter Deuel, I decided some months since to make the effort to furnish one for your honourable Order, and I have requested Sir Robert C. Jordan to present the same to the Grand Commandery for me, and if it meets their approval, I shall feel highly gratified, and that my long-cherished wish has been accomplished.

It need hardly be said that the gift presented in such chivalric terms was accepted with "keen satisfaction and pleasure," and due acknowledgment of it made to the fair donor.

A characteristic letter was also received from Sir John Monell jun., relating an accident which befel him on his way to Omaha by the Union Pacific Railway, and which prevented him from completing his report. He writes:—

"The train was running at full speed. One of our Nebraska hurri-

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canes was blowing with more than its usual emphasis, and directly at right angles with the train. In attempting to pass from one car to another, I had no sooner stepped on the platform than I was staggered by the force of the wind, and before I could regain my balance, I fell from the platform, and promptly measured my length on the free soil of Nebraska; result, a badly dislocated ankle, and the small bone of the leg splintered. The surgeons call the injury a 'Pott's fracture,' which no doubt renders the entire matter quite clear to you. As the possessor of so learned and high-sounding an injury, I of course felt sensibly reconciled to my suffering, anticipating great distinction in the annals of surgery thereby. I am, however, slowly drifting towards the conclusion that I might have been persuaded to deny myself this surgical distinction, and permit Mr. Pott to keep his fracture for his own use; I would prefer to finish my report. Such little labour as I could manage with much difficulty to perform, since my accident, has been imperatively demanded by matters of business, quite closely connected with the unromantic question of daily bread and butter. I have, therefore, been compelled to cast a wistful look of farewell on the many leaves of my unfinished report on foreign correspondence, which now, alas! will never see the light, as I pen this *lame* excuse for its non-appearance. I say 'alas!' because no man likes to leave an undertaking uncompleted, even though when accomplished it may be no great things. I had intended this now unfinished report to be my last, having merely occupied the post till some abler and more experienced reporter could be induced to occupy it, and on this account I the more regret the break in our reports; but with writers of such experience and ability as Sirs Warren, Marlay, Bowen, Tulleys, and abundance of others, I trust Nebraska will not again be compelled to put her journal in print without a creditable report on correspondence. It will be a consolation to reflect that the loss of your report is more than compensated by a marked diminution in the expense account. I expect to be through with Mr. Pott's fracture in about three or four weeks, when I shall at once return it to him in good order. Real sorry I cannot meet with you."

On the second day of the Session various matters of detail were considered, and the Conclave was closed with the customary expressions of harmony and goodwill.

The report is accompanied by a finely-executed portrait and autograph of Grand Commander Thomas Sewell, and a list of the names of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

ANTIQUITY OF MASONRY.

AS there seems to be quite a diversity of opinion among Masonic authors on this subject, and as book-making is rather on the increase than otherwise, we have, every few days, some new work on the "History of Freemasonry," the Masonic searcher after history must find himself in a quandary as to which is the real true history, and out of the many theories advanced, which is the right one. Of course it will make very little difference to the true Mason whether Freemasonry began in Egypt, with the building of the Pyramids, or whether it sprang from, or grew out of, the building of King Solomon's Temple, or whether Masonry was an offshoot of the Building Guilds of the 14th century. That Masonry is an old, time-honoured institution, no one can deny; and its antiquity now seems only to be questioned by those who should be its supporters, who, in the book-making mania, are each striving with the other to extingish the light of its origin by some newly *undiscovered* history that does not present positive proof, unaccompanied by tradition, or secret ritual of its ancient existence. In other words, they deny all the old established theories and teachings, because they are unable to find any record of them in the literature or writings of the Middle Ages, arguing that the absence of positive proof in such writings is conclusive evidence of their non-existence. We have devoted some considerable time and space to this subject in our former numbers and have published a good deal of correspondence on the subject of "Were Solomon, Hiram of Tyre and Hiram Abif, Masons?" together with different versions of numerous historians, who each seem to vie with the other in their zeal to show and affirm that Masonry is a modern institution, and did not exist in the days of Moses and Solomon, and that its speculative character was never known till within about two hundred years ago. And we have given our readers the correspondence on this subject that they may judge for themselves. For our part, we have no hesitation in repeating what we have said before, that Masonry was the outgrowth of the religious teachings of the ancients, which was represented by allegories to the people, and, having expressed ourselves fully on this subject before, we will now content ourselves by making our same quotations from authors, and leave our readers to judge for themselves; at the same time reminding them of the fact that such questions are not of vital or serious importance to them, and tend rather to degrade than to elevate the Masonic Institution, and furnish food to the book-making appetite of the modern historians who are seeking to overthrow the long-established traditions of our institution by asking for proofs upon questions long since conceded, and in cases where the length of time would preclude the possibility of positive evidence. We opine that discussions at this late day upon subjects so unimportant to Masons tend rather to injure than advance the interests of the Order. Especially on such subjects we say, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." Our learned and esteemed historian, Bro. Mackey, in a late work, says:—

Years ago in writing an article on this subject under the impressions made upon me by the fascinating theories of Dr. Oliver, though I never completely accepted his views, I was led to place the organisation of Freemasonry, as it now exists, at the building of Solomon's Temple. Many years of subsequent research have led me greatly to modify the views I had previously held. Although I do not rank myself among those modern iconoclasts who refuse credence to every document whose authenticity, if admitted, would give to the Order a birth anterior to the beginning of the last century, I confess that I cannot find any incontrovertible evidence that would trace Masonry, as now organised, beyond the Building Corporations of the Middle Ages. In this point of view I speak of it only as an architectural Brotherhood, distinguished by signs, by words, and by brotherly ties which have not been essentially changed, and by symbols and legends which have only been developed and extended, while the association has undergone a transformation from an operative art to a speculative science.

But then these Building Corporations did not spring up in all their peculiar organisation—different, as it was from that of other guilds—like Autochtones, from the soil. They, too, must have an origin and an archetype, from which they derived their peculiar character. And I am induced, for that purposes, to look to the Roman Colleges of Artificers, which were spread over Europe by the invading forces of the Empire. But these have been traced to Numa, who gave to them that mixed practical and religious character which they are known to have possessed, and in which they were imitated by the mediæval architects.

"We must, therefore, look at Freemasonry in two distinct points of view: First, as it is—a society of Speculative Architects engaged in the construction of spiritual temples, and in this respect a development from the Operative Architects of the tenth and succeeding centuries, who were themselves offshoots from the travelling Freemasons of Como, who traced their origin to the Roman Colleges of Builders. In this direction, I think, the line of descent is plain, without any demand upon our credulity for assent to its credibility.

But Freemasonry must be looked at also from another standpoint. Not only does it present the appearance of a speculative science, based on an operative art, but it also very significantly exhibits itself as the symbolic expression of a religious idea. In other and plainer words we see in it the important lesson of eternal life, taught by a legend which, whether true or false, is used in Masonry as a symbol and an allegory.

But whence came this legend? Was it invented in 1717 at the revival of Freemasonry in England? We have evidence of the strongest circumstantial character, derived from the Sloan Manuscript, No. 3,329, recently exhumed from the shelves of the British Museum, that this very legend was known to the Masons of the seventeenth century at least.

Then, did the Operative Masons of the Middle Ages have a legend also? The evidence is that they did. The Compagnons de la Tour who were the offshoots of the Old Masters' Guilds, had a legend. We know what the legend was, and we know that its character was similar to, although not in all the details precisely the same as, the Masonic legend. It was, however, connected with the Temple of Solomon.

Again: Did the builders of the Middle Ages invent their legend, or did they obtain it from some old tradition? The question is interesting, but its solution either way would scarcely affect the antiquity of Freemasonry. It is not the form of the legend, but its spiritual and symbolic design, with which we have to do.

This legend of the third degree as we now have it, and as we have had it for a certain period of two hundred and fifty years, is intended, by a symbolic representation, to teach the resurrection from death, and the divine dogma of eternal life. All Masons know its character, and it is neither expedient nor necessary to dilate upon it.

But can we find such a legend elsewhere? Certainly we can. Not indeed the same legend; not the same personage as its hero, not the same details; but a legend with the same spirit and design; a legend funereal in character, celebrating death and resurrection, and solemnised in lamentation and terminating in joy. Thus, in the Egyptian Mysteries of Osiris, the image of a dead man was borne in an argha, ark or coffin, by a procession of initiates; and this enclosure in the coffin or interment of the body was called the aphanism, or disappearance, and the lamentation for him formed the first part of the Mysteries. On the third day after the interment, the priests and initiates carried the coffin, in which was also a golden vessel, down to the river Nile. Into the vessel they poured water from the river; and then with the cry of Eurekamen agallometha, "We have found him, let us rejoice," they declared that the dead Osiris, who had descended into Hades, had

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returned from thence, and was restored again to life; and the rejoicings which ensued constituted the second part of the mysteries. The analogy between this and the legend of Freemasonry must be at once apparent. Now, just such a legend, everywhere differing in particulars, but everywhere coinciding in general character, is to be found in all the old religions—in sun worship, in tree worship, in animal worship. It was often perverted, it is true, from the original design. Sometimes it was applied to the death of winter and the birth of spring, sometimes to the setting and the subsequent rising of the sun, but always indicating a loss and a recovery, as referred to by Bro. C. S. Mott, in his lecture before Delta Chapter, No. 628.

Especially do we find this legend, and in a purer form, in the Ancient Mysteries. At Samothrace, at Eleusis, at Byblos—in all places where these ancient religious and mystical rites were celebrated—we find the same teachings of eternal life inculcated by the representation of an imaginary death and apotheosis. And it is this legend, and this legend alone, that connects Speculative Freemasonry with the Ancient Mysteries of Greece, of Syria, and of Egypt. Says Bro. Mackey:

"The theory, then, that I advance on the subject of the antiquity of Freemasonry is this: I maintain that, in its present peculiar organisation, it is the successor, with certainty, of the Building Corporations of the Middle Ages, and through them, with less certainty, but with great probability, of the Roman Colleges of Artificers. Its connection with the Temple of Solomon, as its birthplace, may have been accidental—a mere arbitrary selection by its inventors—and bears, therefore, only an allegorical meaning; or it may be historical, and to be explained by the frequent communications that at one time took place between the Jews and the Greeks and the Romans. This is a point still open for discussion. On it I express no fixed opinion. The historical materials upon which to base an opinion are as yet too scanty. But I am inclined, I confess, to view the Temple of Jerusalem and the Masonic traditions connected with it as a part of the great allegory of Masonry.

"But in the other aspect in which Freemasonry presents itself to our view, and to which I have already adverted, the question of its antiquity is more easily settled. As a brotherhood, composed of symbolic Masters and Fellows and Apprentices, derived from an association of Operative Masters, Fellows and Apprentices—those building spiritual temples as these built material ones—its age may not exceed five or six hundred years; but as a secret association, containing within itself the symbolic expression of a religious idea, it connects itself with all the Ancient Mysteries, which, with similar secrecy, gave the same symbolic expression to the same religious idea. These mysteries were not the cradles of Freemasonry: they were only its analogues. But I have no doubt that all the Mysteries had one common source—perhaps, as it has been suggested, some ancient body of priests; and I have no doubt that Freemasonry has derived its legend, its symbolic mode of instruction, and the lesson for which that instruction was intended, either directly or indirectly, from the same source. In this view the Mysteries become interesting to the Mason as a study, and in this view only. And so, when I speak of the antiquity of Masonry, I must say, If I would respect the axioms of historical science, that its *body* came out of the Middle Ages, but that its *spirit* is to be traced to a far remoter period."

Thus we agree, and assert our former opinion that Masonry was at first a speculative, scientific, and *quasi* religious institution, having its origin in the mysteries. In course of time it was made the nucleus or foundation of religious creeds among the churches and the operative part assumed or adopted by the travelling architects, cathedral builders and guilds. But that a system of speculative Masonry has always existed, and the formation of the present system of Masonry was merely the uniting of the old system with the operative or guild Masons, and the evidence seems conclusive to us from the fact that the speculative branch was, to a certain extent, represented by architectural implements, yet its officers and chief points were represented by astronomical and religious nomenclature. Thus, the Master, King Solomon—*Wisdom*; Sen. Warden, Hiram of Tyre—*Strength*; Jun. Warden, Hiram Abif—*Beauty*; the three Lights are represented by the Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge; while the Holy Bible, square and compasses represent the other three Lights; Master in the East, Sun rising; Junior Warden in South, Sun at meridian; Senior Warden in the West, Sun at close of day; East, the place of light—journeying around the Lodge Room with the course of the Sun. North, darkness, "where the sun at noonday darted no ray of light;" together with many other like astronomical and Biblical expressions well known to Masons. On the other hand, had there been but one branch of the Order, and that Operative Masonry, the stations and allusions would have been to subjects more modern or more clearly architectural, and named after the many celebrated works of architecture, such as the Tower of Babel, the Pyramids of Egypt, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Cathedral of Como, St. Paul's of London, and many other names of which they were justly proud, and which would have been eminently more proper for a society emanating solely from an operative association of Builders and Architects, who were totally ignorant of the scientific teachings of Astronomy, Geometry, and kindred sciences of the ancient languages, especially the secret mysteries of Greece, Syria, Egypt, &c., from which the nomenclature of speculative Masonry has been largely taken, and from which the secret Ritual of even the present day has been largely copied.—*Masonic Review.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Haymarket.—"Jim the Penman," a new four-act play, by Sir Charles Young, first produced at a *matinée* about a fortnight since, has been put in the evening bill at this theatre. The play is a romance of modern society, and tells a story rich in dramatic interest, effective incidents, and powerful situations. James Ralston, holding a high position in society as a financier, lives in luxuriant style in an elegant house in town. He has also a country residence. This James Ralston is no other than a notorious forger—Jim the Penman, who in years gone by has perpetrated several forgeries, whereby he has managed to accumulate an immense fortune. His wife, previous to her marriage, was engaged to an old friend of Ralston's, Louis Percival, who, prior to claiming his bride, went to seek his fortune in America. In Percival's absence, Ralston has managed to imitate the lovers' handwriting, and has sent each a letter, purporting to come from the other, and thereby breaks off the engagement. Ralston then persuades the woman he has wronged to become his wife. After the lapse of a year, Percival, who has realised a fortune during his sojourn abroad, returns to England to prosecute the search for those who have robbed him of this same fortune, and pays a visit to Ralston's house, where he and his old love, now Mrs. Ralston, discover how they have been deceived, but without suspecting who is the culprit. In the course of the play, it is shown how the gang with which Ralston is associated manages to secure the diamonds of a certain Lord Drelincourt. It happens that on the night this fraud is proposed to Ralston by his partner in crime, Baron Hartfeld, Lord Drelincourt offers his hand to Ralston's daughter, and is accepted by her. The next day, on repairing to his bankers for some diamonds which he proposes to give to his intended wife, he finds that, by a forged order, the diamonds have been given over. But, before the thieves have been able to get rid of the plunder, the robbery is thus discovered. How the forgeries are brought home to Ralston by a detective who has been a frequent visitor at his house; how his wife finds out the injury she has sustained, which she does by comparing the letter supposed to have been sent by her to Percival with a cheque she authorised her husband to write in her name, and how, when the denouncement is made, Ralston suddenly dies of heart disease—by which means his wife and children are spared the shame and publicity of his conviction as a felon—are all shown in the play. We can but give a mere outline of the story, space not permitting our going into it more fully. In describing the acting, we can only say that the artistes engaged gave as much satisfaction as the play, and that is saying a great deal. Mr. Arthur Dacre, as Jim the Penman, plays the part in a highly sensational fashion. He has grasped the idea of the author, but his want of command sometimes makes him ineffective when he should be strong. Mr. Beerbohm-Tree gives a clever impersonation of the swindling Baron Hartfelt, his bearing throughout being most natural, and he never overacts the part. Mr. Barrymore was earnest as Louis Percival, but this gentleman would be suited better with the character of Ralston. The Captain Redwood of Mr. Charles Brookfield was a capital study of character. Lady Monckton played with power and discretion as the suffering wife. In the third act where she compares the cheque and the forged letter, before accusing her husband, few actresses could have exhibited such variety of expression by dumb show as did Lady Monckton. If she could rise to the situation in the last act her impersonation would be perfect. The other parts were well filled by Mr. Edmund Maurice (Lord Drelincourt), Mr. Frank Rodney (George Ralston), Mr. Forbes Dawson (Mr. Chapstone, Q.C.), Mr. Ulick Winter (Mr. Netherby, M.P.), Mr. P. Ben Greet (Dr. Pettywise), Miss Helen Leyton (Agnes Ralston), Miss Henrietta Lindley (Lady Dunscombe), and Mrs. E. H. Brooke (Mrs. Chapstone). The play, which may be said to rivet the attention of the audience from beginning to end, is a work that has long been wanted in London, and from the hearty reception given to both author and artistes, we may predict for "Jim, the Penman," a most successful run.

Novelty.—Mr. William Greet, the courteous manager of this theatre, announces his benefit for Thursday, the 15th inst., when he will present an attractive programme.

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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 APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1809—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sand Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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).
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
857—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Mooregate, 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.)
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
1991—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
883—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1093—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1171—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Clitheroe
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1439—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Isere, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1512—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1866—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379—Tyrie, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 13th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Old Bell Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
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)
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)
763—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—Bathurst, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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
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. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
211—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)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheetham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1120—St. Milburga, Toutine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenall, Street, Warrington
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Barking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Oekenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 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. 390—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 152—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
75—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
163—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lambeth-street, at 7. (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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—Mercantile Navy, Silver Tavern, Barking-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Wellington, Red Lion, Poland-street, Piccadilly, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Bargoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1305—Finsbury Park, Lord Raglan, Finsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1309—Lodge of St. John, Three Arms Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1319—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, Queen's Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Aldersgate-street, Barnsley, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Admiral Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Anchor, Market Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1931—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)

1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1889—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chelmsford New Road, E.C., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 17—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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)

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54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
656—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
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
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent

R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 15th APRIL.

23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salusbury, 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)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (Inst.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burpett 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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Bursiem
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, Hashingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
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369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
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1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
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6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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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)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (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.
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M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
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541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1903—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
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, 17th APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
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)
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1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
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1641—Criterion, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
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. 25—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday, in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. H. B. Marshall was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution, on the proposition of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. E. F. Storr. Bro. Marshall tendered his thanks for the compliment, and assured the brethren he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of the office in the past to the best of his ability. It had been his privilege during the past year to speak for the first time in Grand Lodge on behalf of the Institution, and it then afforded him great gratification to see the practical sympathy of the brethren assembled, who voted the sum of £1000 towards the additional charges entailed by the purchase of the recently acquired land adjoining the School grounds at Battersea Rise. He was sure he was expressing the sentiments of his colleagues, as well as of himself, when he said they were individually and collectively actuated in that purchase by an earnest desire to promote the best interests, to study the comfort, and increase the benefits of the poor fatherless girls that the Craft had committed to their care. The General Committee for the year was then elected, as follows:—Bros. A. L. Annett, J. W. Berrie, J. J. Caney, J. F. Corben, Col. Wolseley-Cox, T. A. Dickson, W. Dodd, J. French, T. G. C. Gambrill, Walter Martin, A. Moore, and W. Vincent. An additional vacancy, to be filled at that day's election, was then declared, on the motion of Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G. Standard Bearer, Vice-Patron, seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Standard Bearer, Vice-Patron. The vacancy was caused by the death of Inga Edith Wilkinson, who died after four days' illness. Bro. Gladwell brought forward his proposal, that in recognition of valuable professional services gratuitously rendered to this Institution by Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., Patron, he be elected an honorary Vice-President, with 20 votes at all elections of girls. Bro. Gladwell said it required but few words to introduce this proposal; the Chairman had already alluded to the duties which fell to the House Committee in the matter of the purchase of the extra land at Battersea-rise, and he might allude to the service of Bro. Richardson, a member of the House Committee, whose services as a lawyer had often been placed at the command of the Institution. Those services were conspicuous on the occasion he referred to, when the negotiations necessitated the inspection of many deeds, and the devotion of a great deal of time, much care, attention, and circumspection. Had the business been placed in the hands of some one who had less interest in the welfare of the Institution, the School might have been saddled with a bill of costs far exceeding that which was incurred, and though the negotiations were protracted, they might have been much more prolonged, and the terms might have been far less favourable than they were. There was really more show than substance in the present proposal, for they were only giving Bro. Richardson a little more patronage than he had already acquired by his liberal pecuniary contributions to the Institution. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. 174 next rose, for the purpose of directing attention to what he considered an objectionable paragraph on the balloting papers for the present election, and which was conspicuously printed in red ink, to the effect that if the subscriber died after he or she had signed the paper, but before the election, the proxy would be invalid. He had no doubt this paragraph had caused discomfort to brethren in advanced years. Although such was the law of the Institution, it was unwise to have it announced on the balloting paper. It was putting the matter very pointedly to the subscribers. He should move that such a paragraph do not appear again. Brother James Stevens P.M. 1426 also expressed dissatisfaction with the paragraph. The Chairman said they were in the unfortunate position of having this law, which he thought was undesirable. The brethren, however, had power to alter it, and they also had power, if they did not alter it, to say that it should not appear on the balloting papers. Notice of motion could be given for the next Quarterly Court, whereupon Bro. Lacey said he should move a resolution on the subject in due course. This concluded the preliminary business, and the poll was declared open for the election of twenty-four girls into the Institution. A list of those who were successful appear in another column; we here append details of the unsuccessful, the votes polled on whose behalf will be carried forward for the next election.

UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
19	Turner, Margaret Winifred	—	611	611
20	Cook, Alice Flora	—	588	588
16	Murfin, Constance	—	394	394
28	Steng, Martha Paulina C.	—	250	250
23	Clark, Julia Elizabeth	—	203	203
21	Sutton, Eleanor Julia	—	202	202
11	Lillywhite, Eva Marian	107	68	175
32	Hyde, Winifred Cleveland	—	131	131
24	Rawlings, Lillian Gertrude S.	—	129	129
12	Woods, Lilian	36	15	51
29	Norman, Aline Mary	—	26	26
18	Proudfoot, Edith Lilian	—	19	19

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE usual Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, and Half-yearly Election of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. W. Roebuck P.G. Steward. On the minutes being submitted for confirmation, Bro. W. A. Scurrah brought forward his motion, "That so much of the minutes of the Quarterly General Court of Monday, the 11th January 1886, as refers to the alteration of the mode of the election of the House Committee be not confirmed." The proposer of the motion said he did not mean to reflect upon any member of the House Committee; he knew them to be the right men in the right place. They were doing their work thoroughly well. The laws for the election of the House Committee had been carefully framed; but they might be altered and improved. But alteration should be carefully effected, and there ought to be a very good and sound reason for change. Hitherto no reason had been suggested for the alteration. He would like to ask the Secretary, as the most competent to answer—had the old rule that the House Com-

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mittee should be elected annually worked well? Bro. Binckes said, after a very large experience he had no hesitation in saying the old rule had worked well. There was always a quorum present; the average number was eight, and very often there were nine, or even twelve. Bro. Scurrah said he had tried, but could not obtain any satisfactory answer to the question, What reason there was for the advisability of altering the law? They might get a new man on the Committee, who might not be up to his work; he might be incompetent, he might not have time to attend, and it might be necessary that he should, so to speak, go to school to learn his work, and it was said that they could not expect a man to be on a Committee of that kind and learn the work thoroughly unless he had been on it twelve months. That was an insult. To say that they could not pick out of Freemasons men who, unless they were on the House Committee twelve months could not know the work, was an affront to the Order, because every one knew that the majority of these Committeemen were business men, up to the details of business; many of them able to give time to the work, and no one should be elected who was not. Every one of the brethren was competent for the work. Look at it in another light. If they had a brother on the Committee who was incapable of doing his work, was it not well to be able to get rid of him as soon as they could? It was a very bad reason, in fact no reason, to say that brother should be on the Committee for three years; the sooner they got rid of an incompetent person and got a competent one the better. What were they doing by this new law? They were proposing that a brother who was incompetent should remain on the Committee for three years, to the exclusion of a competent one. At the end of three years four of the number were to go out, the remainder were to stay four years, then four more were to go out, and four of the twelve would remain in for five years. Was this reasonable? Who provided the sinews of war, and brought the money to support the Institution? For any one to say that those who were the Governors were to be debarred from the privilege of electing these Committees every twelve months was absurd on the face of it. What about the other Committees—the General Committee and the Audit Committee? They ought all to be tarred with the same brush. When the axe was laid at the foot of the tree they all knew that it was only a question of time when that tree would fall. They ought to be very careful how they hurt the susceptibilities of thosewho subscribed to the Institution, and he hoped they would agree with him and restore the power the brethren had had to elect every year. Brother A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172 seconded the motion, while Brother E. F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer 22 opposed it. He was surprised at the doctrines Brother Scurrah had propounded. There was not a brother in the room who knew more about Committees than Bro. Scurrah; twenty-five years Bro. Scurrah said he had worked on Committees, and knew the practice well. He was sorry to hear him say he did not believe in triennial elections. He (Bro. Storr) did. He was not the man to go on for a House Committee for one year only. It was all very well to say they must go to school to learn the work, but they must look at the expense, annoyance, and trouble of going in for one year only. He was not ambitious of being on a Committee; the first year the members were of no use at all. If they wanted to do good to the Institution, and to learn their lessons; if they wanted to be somebody on the Committee, let them know what they had to do and serve an apprenticeship. If a man was an ornamental man only, take him off. Bro. Scurrah had not given this question sufficient thought, and he (Bro. Storr), after many years' experience of Committees, entirely disagreed with him. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., as the originator of the proposal, had been and was still of opinion that the Committee should be well versed in their duties, and this could not be done in one year. They wanted brethren well up to the work, and with a thorough knowledge and experience of it. They might elect a brother who would utterly fail. Brethren elected for one year only might say it was not worth while to attend. As for himself, it did not matter to him an atom whether a brother was elected for twelve months or twelve years. Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Grand Master West Yorkshire dissented from Bro. Stewart's proposition, that if a brother were elected for one year only he did not care a button about it, and he would attend or neglect his duties as he thought proper. If that was an argument against annual elections, how much the more was it an argument against three years' elections. Let them have a fair argument. Bro. Binckes had told them the annual election had been found to work very well. Bro. Binckes had had a great deal of experience, and ought to know. Let the rule go on as it was; let them have annual elections. If it had not gone on well, let them alter the rule. He disliked this peddling with the rules, and constantly interfering with and changing them. Bro. Scurrah's motion was then put, and carried by a large majority. In other respects the minutes of last meeting were agreed to. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G.Std.B., Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution. On the motion of Bro. W. A. Scurrah, seconded by Bro. E. F. Storr, the following were elected as the General Committee for the ensuing year:—Bros. Brackstone Baker, Blackmur, Dorey, Dunkley, Law, Noah Martin, E. C. Massey, Henry Massey, McKay, A. H. Scurrah, H. Webb, and H. Wells. Scrutineers of votes were then nominated, and the election of boys into the School was proceeded with. A list of those successful will be found on page 248, while the following list gives particulars as to the votes polled by those who were unsuccessful on this occasion.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
17	Hayward, Alfred Vaughan	—	1301	1301
29	Gay, Wilfred	—	1299	1299
20	Lewis, Horace	—	1259	1259
15	Good, Meyrick George Bruton	—	1175	1175
16	Holmes, Bryant Hanby	—	1068	1068
45	Hayes, Frederick William	—	987	987
*1	Knight, Samuel William	318	165	483
5	Andrews, Joseph Thomas	122	211	333
7	Wood, Joseph	107	66	173
10	Matthews, Percy Haslem	10	107	117
36	Gray, Harold	—	86	86
3	Taylor, Albert	36	14	50
39	Angier, Harry Norman	—	45	45
2	Canon, George	19	1	20
4	Gibbs, Percy	11	2	13
38	Johnston, George Frederick	—	9	9
*14	Bolton, Sidney Robert	—	4	4
18	Jones, Maurice Bibby	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List under Law 52, being eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

PARTIAL SUSPENSION.

ACCORDING to general Masonic usage, a Mason under suspension is thereby deprived of all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the time being, and until the penalty is removed, by limitation or otherwise, it is unlawful for Masons to hold Masonic intercourse with him while under such sentence, which necessarily excludes him from the Lodge-room when a Lodge is at labour. It matters not for what cause the penalty may have been inflicted—the effect must be the same in all cases until it is removed. There are two grades of this penalty, known as "definite suspension" and "indefinite suspension," but the only difference between them is in duration, and hence the effect under either must be the same while in force.

In the Proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, among the decisions of the Grand Master, which were approved by the Grand Lodge, we find the following:

"A brother suspended for non-payment of dues has not the privilege of visiting his Lodge. The Lodge may permit him to do so, but this is not a right which he may demand. And when permitted to visit the Lodge, it is only as a visitor, and not as a member, and therefore he cannot vote, sit on committees, or otherwise participate in the business of the Lodge."

This is what we would term "partial suspension," the extent of which may be more or less, according to the humour of the Lodge from time to time. The suspended brother goes up to a stated meeting of his Lodge on one occasion and is admitted. At the next meeting he finds the door closed against him. If he has an inclination to attend regularly, all he can do is to go up and inquire, "May I come in to-night?" He is in about the same condition as an Honorary 33° member of the Supreme Council in the Scottish Rite—sometimes he gets in and sometimes he does not. He has the satisfaction of knowing, however, that his Masonry is not costing him anything,

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even if he is not enjoying its full benefits. He never did care to take an active part in the proceedings of his Lodge, and the loss of his vote is more than compensated by his relief from dues and committee work. In one sense he becomes a sort of honorary member.

Now we have no objection to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, or of any other State except Indiana, inflicting this sort of a penalty for non-payment of dues, if they will do it under some other name than "suspension." It is in fact nothing more nor less than "dropping a member from the roll," as has been done in some Grand jurisdictions. Make the punishment for non-payment of dues whatever you please, but call the penalty by its right name, so that others may not be misled as to the Masonic standing of your members. In Indiana we could hold Masonic intercourse with one who had been dropped from the roll, but could not with one who is under suspension, even if he had committed no greater offence than non-payment of dues. The obligation not to hold Masonic intercourse with one who is under the penalty of suspension was in no way qualified as to the cause of such suspension. We cannot recognise such a penalty as "partial suspension."—*Masonic Advocate.*

FREEMASONRY IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

MUCH of what we said last week in regard to Suffolk Freemasonry applies with equal force to nearly every other English Province, for to outsiders, and those who are not intimately associated with one or other of them, Freemasonry in one county is very much like that in another; therefore, it is not our intention to make as full a summary of other Provincial Calendars as we did of that of Suffolk, but rather to devote our space to a notice of such items as may be peculiar to the several districts which come under notice. In years to come we hope there will be sufficient in each Provincial Calendar to render its perusal a matter of more general interest, and then we may treat the information contained in them in a different manner to what we here do. We now devote attention to Gloucestershire, the Calendar for which, compiled by Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the Provincial Charity Secretary, presents one or two features of novelty, among which we may mention a page devoted to a "record of Masonic occurrences in Province of Gloucestershire" in 1885; which, unfortunately, mainly consists of an "obituary;" the other matters recorded being the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (held in London), at which the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire presided, and the installation of Bro. John Walker, M.A., as Grand Mark Master of the Province. There is also a record of the Past Officers of the Province—which is presided over by the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.S.G.W.—and then a list of the several Lodges, with the Officers, Past Masters, date and place of meeting, name of Secretary, number of members, &c. of each. From this list we learn that the Province of Gloucestershire has on its roll 605 Masons, distributed among its fourteen Lodges as follows:—

No.	Lodge	Meeting at	Members
82	Foundation	Cheltenham	51
246	Royal Union	Cheltenham	67
270	Royal Faith and Friendship	Berkeley	28
493	Royal Lebanon	Gloucester	79
592	Cotteswold	Cirencester	57
702	Sherborne	Stroud	39
761	St. John	Dursley	24
839	Royal Gloucestershire	Gloucester	60
855	Sympathy	Wotton-under-Edge	30
900	St. George	Tewkesbury	30
951	Prince of Wales	Stow-on-the Wold	29
1005	Zetland	Gloucester	50
1067	Royal Forest of Dean	Newnham-on-Severn	36
1363	Tyndall	Chipping Sodbury	25

The Provincial Grand Chapter, which is also under the government of Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, consists of three Chapters, with a total membership of 155, viz.:

No.	Chapter	Meeting at	Members
82	Unanimity	Cheltenham	88
493	Royal Lebanon	Gloucester	34
839	Royal Gloucestershire	Gloucester	33

Full particulars are also given as regards the Mark and the higher degrees of Masonry, while the closing pages of the Calendar are devoted to the subject of Charity. From these we learn that the Charity Committee of the Province consists of the head of the Province and his Deputy, the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Secretary, a representative from each Lodge, &c., in the Province—who must be at least a Life Subscriber to one or more of the Charities—such subscribing members, resident in the Province, as have served the office of Steward to two of the Charities; brethren who act as Stewards (for the year in which they serve), and all Life Governors of the Provincial Benevolent Fund. This Committee has the management of the Provincial cases at the several elections of the Institutions, and the Calendar gives a list of those who have been elected through the instrumentality of this Committee. In connection with the subject it is stated that at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Cheltenham in 1882 it was resolved, in respect to the distribution of alms for the poor and distressed that at all meetings of Lodges in the Province, whether followed by a banquet or not, the box for poor and distressed Masons should be sent round, and the sum collected inserted in the minutes of the Lodge on each occasion. It was also decided that a portion of the sum collected should be handed over to the Charity Steward of the Province, in aid of the fund for the relief of poor and distressed Masons of the Province exclusively, or their wives and children, and that for the first five years, by way of experiment, the portion should be one-half of the sums collected. Any brother subscribing five guineas (in one or more sums) to this Fund becomes a Governor, and as such is entitled to attend all meetings of the Charity Committee. Then follow details of the Masonic Charity Association of the Province, the objects of which are (A) The increase of the number of Life Subscribers and Life Governors to the Royal Masonic Charities, and (B) The formation of a systematic Benevolent Fund for the purpose (1) of educating and advancing in life the children of distressed or deceased Freemasons in the Province; and (2) to give assistance in elections to the Masonic Charities. Lists are also given of brethren who have served the office of Steward to the Charities for the year 1885, together with the amounts collected, and this is followed by a list showing the votes held by the several Lodges, &c. (and the members thereof) in the Province. This list gives the total number of votes in Gloucestershire as follows:—691 Girls', 1016 Boys', 625 Men's, and 777 Widows', a total of 3019. This number, which was the total on the 1st January 1886, compares with past years as follows:—1879, 936; 1880, 1229; 1881, 1463; 1882, 2017; 1883, 2093; 1884, 2320; and 1885, 2489. There has thus been an increase each year, which on the eight years shows an improvement of 2173 votes. A list of Lodges, &c. in adjoining Provinces brings to a conclusion a very useful little work, which, as may be judged from the extracts we give, contains much valuable information in connection with Freemasonry in Gloucestershire.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. J. Terry (Secretary) reported that four of the male annuitants had died since the last meeting, as also had one of the male candidates. One of the widows on the list for the next election had written, withdrawing her candidature, which withdrawal was accepted. The report of the Warden for the past month, and the report of the Finance Committee were read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The application of a widow for the usual share of her deceased husband's annuity was received and granted, after which a Committee was appointed to prepare the annual report of the Institution, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall P.G. Treasurer will preside at the next Festival of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, 25th May.

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AN OLD LODGE.

By Bro. William James Hughan.

THERE are many old Lodges in Scotland which date not only years prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of that country, but far into the seventeenth century, some even earlier still. As the records of such Lodges in several instances overlap the debatable period, or, in other wores, the "transition period," naturally such minutes afford most reliable evidence of the character of these old Lodges, before and after the advent of the Grand Lodge in 1736.

The interesting and most suggestive Histories of Lodges "Kilwinning," "Mary's Chapel" (Edinburgh), "Journeymen," No. 8, &c., have been carefully written by Brothers Lyon, Hunter and others, and so far as they and we know, or can discover, the esoteric ceremony in vogue until the second or third decades of the last century was confined to the admission of Apprentices, after which all were on the same level as respected Masonic secrets; that is to say, whatever was subsequently communicated, if aught, was of a secret character; all participated, or might do so, whether Apprentices, Fellows or Masters.

I am aware that this statement has not passed unchallenged, but it has never been disproved. Should any records be traced, proving three distinct and *separate* degrees were worked before the origin of the premier Grand Lodge of England, 1716-17, and exhibiting, also, proof that they were written before the second decade of the last century for England, and the second or third decades for Scotland, I shall be among the first to acknowledge the evidence, *but not until then.*

Bro. Alexander Ross, whilst Master of the "St. John's Old Kilwinning Lodge," No. 6, Inverness, wrote an excellent account of its ancient records, the volume being published in 1877, in a sumptuous style, though very little notice, unfortunately, has been taken of its value and importance. The Lodge may have been an old offshoot of the "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," especially from the suggestiveness of its title, but beyond intimating the probability of such a connection, we cannot at present venture.

The Lodge was represented by its Masters and Wardens at the inauguration of the Scottish Grand Lodge, November 30th, 1736, and on September 26th, 1737, the members petitioned the authorities in Edinburgh for a charter, in accordance with their accepted antiquity at the time. The brethren claimed existence as a Lodge from 1678, having abundant material then at hand in confirmation thereof, though they were aware that a still greater antiquity might be favourably entertained. They stated "That preceding the year 1678, it seems by tradition of our oldest members now living, that the Lodge kept their minutes from time to time in an irregular manner, upon sheets or baffles of paper, most of which we cannot collect, so as to make anything of them to purpose—they having either been canceled or lost by accident."

"But upon the 27th December, 1678 years, Ther was a book given in by The Honble. William M'Intosh (Broyr German to the then Laird of M'Intosh) who was then chosen Master of the Lodge, from which date all the regular meetings and transactions of the Lodge are recorded till this date."

The petitioners recite the names of the several Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, "Boxmasters or Treasurers," from 1678 to 1736 (inclusive), but not one word occurs relative to Masonic degrees or ceremonies of any kind whatever.

It is much to be regretted that at the present time the Lodge only possesses records from the year 1737, but, fortunately, its petition in 1737 affords particulars of the regular Officers from 1678, so that its official roll is thus complete from that year to now, a period of over two centuries!

The petition remarks as to the continuity of the election of Officers of the Lodge in manner as follows: "Inverness, 27th December, 1678, William Mack Intosh was chosen Master, Alexander Nicolson, *Senr.*, Andw. Ross, *Jun.* Wardens, & Dd. Ross, boxmr. The same persons continued in these offices till 15th November, 1681, when William Hendrie was chosen boxmaster or Treasurer, & the above members continued till 1st December, 1684, when John M'Bean was chosen Jun. Warden & Andw. Ross Treasurer; ye rest continued till——" "27th December, 1692 when James Barbour was chosen Master," &c. (and so on to 27th December, 1736.)

The charter issued by the Grand Lodge recites that "It was evidently made to appear to us and our brethren of the Grand Lodge, by proper documents, that from the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight, they have been constituted and erected in a regular Masson Lodge by the name and designation of Old Inverness Kilwinning aforesaid, since which time they have been in use to keep regular meetings, in which they have *received and entered Apprentices, past Fellow Crafts, and raised Master Masons*, and for that purpose have kept regular books, wherein they entered their proceedings in the way and manner practiced in other well govern'd Masson's Lodges." The Lodge was confirmed in its privileges, and empowered "to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons," and was allowed precedence from the year 1678, so that if a daughter of the *Old Kilwinning Lodge*, it took date one year latter than the first known of its Lodges, viz., "Canongate Kilwinning," No. 2, Edinburgh, warranted or authorized in 1677.

Happily, both of the charters are still preserved. Now, it should be noted that neither the petition, nor aught else from Inverness, so far as we know, said aught about the conferring of the three degrees from 1678, no warrant before 1717 ever alludes to such, and no records exist which refer to the third degree prior to the last century, so that the declaration of the Grand Lodge officials in 1737, respecting this old Lodge and its working three degrees from 1678, is purely fanciful. On the constitution of the Lodge thus officially, the membership consisted of nineteen Masters, ten Fellow Crafts, and twenty-six Apprentices, fifty-five in all, mainly Speculative Freemasons, if not exclusively so. The Lodge seems to have possessed an interest in property and lands, in common with the Six Incorporated Trades, and from time to time dividends were received thereon.

According to Bro. Alexander Ross, the first Provincial Grand Master in Scotland, Alex. Drummond, Esq., was appointed over the Lodges in the western counties, who visited the Lodge at Inverness, April 20th, 1739.

One shilling sterling was the fine inflicted for drunkenness, if seeking to attend the Lodge; two shillings for the second time, and "for the third time to be turned out of the Lodge," the sentence being dependent upon a "solemn recantation," payment of fine, and "discretion of the Lodge."

The Lodge processions were conducted with great regularity and much pomp. On every St. John's Day the Masons walked, properly clothed, through the streets of the Town. The meetings for business commenced often as early as nine o'clock a.m. On the occasion of the annual election of office bearers, the Lodge walked thereafter in procession to church, in communion with the other Lodges.

On 25th March, 1745, it was provided "Yt each Entered Apprentice may sign the same in testimony of his adherence to them (By-Laws), *yt his mark, then taken out*, may show the members of this as well as oyr. Lodges, the time of his admission."

A Friendly or Benefit Society has existed in connection with the Lodge for many years, and is in a prosperous condition financially, having an estimated net income of £609 per annum from investments, &c.

The St. Andrew's Killwinning Lodge, Inverness, was in existence A.D. 1735, and probably before. In 1745 the members had the misfortune to have their "records, jewels, utensils and cash, either stolen or destsoyed by the men of the Duke of Cumberland's army, their room being used by the 'orderly-sergeant,' the warrant only being saved." This Lodge joined its more fortunate and friendly rival in 1839, when it was No. 31 on the roll, so that subsequently its member came under St. John's Lodge, No. 6. Long may the prosperity of the old Lodge continue.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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GENTLEMEN MASONS.

TO our view, and doubtless in accordance with the views of the readers of The Keystone, a Freemason is nothing if not a gentleman. A gentleman must be the very corner-stone of a Freemason. The corner-stone of a material edifice, in Masonic symbolism, itself represents a true Mason, who is always a perfect Ashlar—plumb, level and square. There is an eminent fitness in this symbolism, because early in the last century, when Freemasonry ceased to be in any degree operative, and became purely speculative—that is, when Freemasons were no longer builders of cathedrals and other stately edifices, but when gentlemen who were not operative Masons came to be admitted into the old cathedral organizations, or operative Lodges deduced from them, and were there taught moral lessons from the implements of Masonry and the old legends of the Craft—this new class of members of the old Masonic Fraternity were denominated "Gentlemen Masons." We quote from one of the old MS. of the last century.

What do you learn by being a gentleman Mason?

Answer: Secrecy, Morality and Good Fellowship.

What do you learn by being an operative Mason?

Answer: To Hew, Square and Mould Stone, lay a Level and raise a Perpendicular.

As our readers are aware, the transition of Freemasonry from having been an operative art to being a speculative science, was gradual, and almost imperceptible. Just as now the various tradesmen's guilds of London elect as members gentlemen who are innocent of knowledge of their respective trades, so in the olden time, when Freemasons were famous only as fabricators and architects, they occasionally admitted men eminent for social or political distinction as members of their Lodges. This has been abundantly proved by old Minute-Books of Lodges, old MSS. and old books of general information, likes Plot's History of Staffordshire. The fact is incontestible. But we are not concerned with this fact now, further than so far as it introduces us to one of the names—Gentlemen Masons, given to members of the ancient and honourable Craft. It is a good name, a significant name, a name that we should cherish. It betokens more than it literally expresses. It signifies now not only one who is not an operative Mason, manually using in building operations the Plumb, the Level and the Square, but one who is a worthy successor of the middle-age Freemasons, to whom we owe the most of the glories which belong to Gothic architecture in that wonderful era. It signifies to us that a man must be in the accepted sense of the term, to-day, *a gentleman before he can be a Freemason.* Freemasonry founds itself now exclusively upon gentlemen as its corner-stone. And, mark you, gentlemen are born, not made; resembling poets in this respect. Education will do wonders, but we do not believe it can *make* a gentleman. Only the Grand Architect of the Universe can do that. A gentleman is a fine piece of clay, a specimen man, the farthest remove from a boor; a man you can trust, a man you can respect a man you can love. In such an one you may implicitly repose brotherly love, and this is the particular kind of love Masonry bestows. With gentlemen for the Cornerstone of Masonry in these modern times, what is Freemasonry not susceptible of, in the way of fraternal accomplishment? A gentleman is a pleasant Brother to meet in your Lodge, a pleasant man to meet when you are away from home. He is approachable, affable, with a heart as well as a head, with kindly sympathies as well as an eye for "the main chance." He is "one of us" because he deserved to be, and however much of a gentleman he was before he was made a Mason, he is more of one now. He has been taught that he is not an "independent" in this world, not even merely a family man, bound to specially regard only those of his own flesh and blood; but he has broadened his views in becoming a member of our universal brotherhood. Just as the sun is said never to go down on the British possessions, so the sun never goes down on the brotherhood of Freemasons. They are in every civilized country. They brave even the dangers of the Arctic circle and the wilds of Africa. They are everywhere. In every country the Freemason finds a Brother, and in every land a home. This feature alone leads not a few to attentively regard the Craft, and seek to be included in it. Upon the few rare Masonic occasions that a public procession of the Craft appears, the world inevitably notices the bearing and character of the brethren who so appear and notes the fact that they are *gentlemen*, men of social and business position, including among them the leaders in all the great social and industrial movements of the day. Masonry does not make a display in public for the purpose of calling attention to this fact, but the fact is always evident on the rare occasions referred to. It is because these occasions *are rare*, that gentleman do not hesitate to appear on them, for if they were every day, many gentlemen would decline to participate.

The Craft has every reason to be proud of this old designation, "Gentleman Mason," because it is not merely the index to an interesting history in connection with the origin of the term, but it represents an actual fact, which reflects honour upon our ancient and honourable Fraternity in its accepted form to-day.—*Keystone.*

IS FREEMASONRY DECLINING

OF the former glory of Freemasonry there can be no question. As a system, it has passed through various processes of evolution, and advanced by successive steps, all along the way making expression of essential truths well calculated to give light and blessing to the world. As an organization it has broadened and deepened its influence, becoming a factor of no small importance among the benign forces of society. It has acquired resources both of material and of higher good, and thus has insured a remarkable degree of success. It has attained an honourable position, because of the principles and ideas it has illustrated, and because of the practical services it has rendered in ways of moral and social usefulness. The record which the Masonic organization has made is one of bright and blessed accomplishment, and Craftsmen may will rejoice that so much of inspiration is to be gathered from a survey of the past.

There is no question as to the prestige which comes from former days of Masonic progress and accomplishment. That ancient renown is an indisputable fact. But how does the Institution manifest itself at the present time? Is it holding its own? Is it augmenting its power and usefulness, or is it declining? There are those who tell us that Masonry is on the wane, that it has about fulfilled its mission, and is not well adapted to the needs and conditions of modern life. There are others who say that the character of the Institution has been impaired by changes of system and administration—by innovations that ought not to have been allowed, and which surely involve a loss both of strength and utility. And still another class tell us that there is not now any such attachment to the Craft as formerly existed, and on this allegation they formulate their pessimistic theories of Masonic deterioration, decay, and death.

We take no stock in these gloomy prophecies. Our belief is, that Freemasonry was never in a condition of so much strength and prosperity as now. To-day it gathers to itself more of the increments of power than in any former period of its history, and exercises a broader and more potent ministry of blessing than ever before.

Freemasonry is not declining! It is not declining as a system. It still stands for the same great principles which gave it character and prominence in the early time, and sets forth a code of morals and ethics that may well claim the assent of intelligent and noble minds. Brotherly love, relief, and truth, are still emphasized as the fundamental ideas of the system, which is illustrated by ancient form and ceremony. No changes have come in to destroy or cripple the primal teachings of Freemasonry as regards man's duty. There is the same call now, the same clear enforcement by word and illustration by a varied symbolism that were put before the fathers as they were instructed in the Masonic system. Changes may have crept into the ritual and the work, but these have in no sense affected the great, distinguishing principles that underlie the Institution. Freemasonry in its essential character, retains the ancient impress, and presents itself to the world in an undimmed moral splendour.

Its organic life is not declining. It never had a more numerous following than now. Its membership has increased during the year just ended. It has prospered in the things that appear in the outward showing; establishing new Lodges in all the countries of the civilized world; building new halls, gathering material resources to a greater extent than in any former period; and in manifold

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ways, making expression of its vigorous life and advancing power. It is still the leading fraternity among the world's association that exercise their social and humane ministries.

Freemasonry is not declining in the character of its membership. Doubtless there are weak, indifferent brethren, who would not meet the tests of any severe trial with much of stedfast devotion to the Craft. In the anti-Masonic days, some denied the faith, and showed how empty and vain their Masonic professions had been. Under the same conditions, most likely some brethren who have been ready to enter a popular organization, would be equally ready to forsake it if it became unpopular. But beside these are others, the majority of the Fraternity as we believe, who are most allegiant to Freemasonry both as a system and an Institution. They have Masonic enthusiasm, devotion, zeal, and in their hands the interests of the Craft will suffer no loss. We have a feeling of pride when we consider the membership of Masonic Lodges, and notice the intelligence, moral worth, and true manhood therein represented. Our Institution will not decline, so long as it can call to itself such material and be thus supported.

Freemasonry is not declining in its service of social, benevolent, and moral good. It performs a benign work in a way hidden from the general view. It administers its practical charities in a way peculiar to itself. It relieves much suffering, and sends the gleams of hope and joy into many darkened homes and hearts. It brings its followers together in sweet and hallowed fellowship, and by its blessed communications of friendly thought and help augments the zest of life. It gives moral helps and delights as well, thus making its offices felt in all that tends to the establishment of a worthy character, and the maintaining of a useful and true life. While Freemasonry makes its power to be felt in such directions; while it exercises so broad and blessed a ministry among men, there need be no fear of its decline or fall. It will endure as an agency of good—an instrumentality of light and blessing, which has resting upon it the Divine approval.—*Freemason's Repository.*

THE THIRD TOTTENHAM AND ENFIELD MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE annual report of this valuable Association has just been presented, and, as we have reported the progress of the movement in the last three years, we have pleasure in observing, from the final balance-sheet, before us, that the efforts of the promoters have been brought to a successful issue. The President of the Association, which has proved of so much benefit to the members during the existence of the organisation, is Bro. John Maller P.M. 754, who has been assisted by Bros. E. Poore P.M. 1237, P. Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, Vice-President; J. H. Thompson P.M. 1707, P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Treasurer; J. Garrod P.M. 754, H. V. Clements S.W. 1237, P.M. 754, &c. P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, E. J. Everdell P.M. 1579, W. M. Tegg P.M. 754, E. G. Lewis P.M. 754, &c., G. Tegg W.M. 1579, &c., A. Bryant P.M. 1237 P. Prov. G.J.D. Middlesex, W. J. Meek S.D. 754, J. D. Birkin J.W. 754, E. F. Day 534, J. Steer 1579, G. Rowe P.M. 754, J. M. Rudd P.M. 1579, S. Parsons S.D. 1237, Committee; and A. J. Fiddler W.M. 754 P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex Hon. Sec. The Committee, in presenting their report, state that during the past year £110 16s 6d has been subscribed, and eleven appropriations made to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. The total amount subscribed during the four years of the existence of the Association amounts to £409 2s 6d, and the Committee congratulate the members on its being brought to so successful an issue. The total amount subscribed by the three Associations was over £1,600, a result which reflects the highest credit and satisfaction, not only upon the executive but the members generally. It is unnecessary to enter into minute details as to the manner in which the Funds of the Association have been dispensed, but a glance at the balance-sheet is sufficient to show the vast amount of good which has been effected, and the substantial benefit which has been accorded to the three Charities connected with the Craft. Joining in the congratulations expressed by the Committee, we heartily hope that any future exertions in the same laudable direction by similar Associations may be crowned with equal, if not greater, success than that which has attended the movement which has just been closed with such satisfaction to all concerned in the Third Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 17th April 1886:—

Monday—Leigh Lodge. Tuesday—Wanderers' Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter. Wednesday—Banquet to Lord R. Churchill, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity, John Hervey Lodge. Thursday—Globe Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge.

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THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A short time since a letter, signed "P.M. 1607," appeared in your columns, and appended to it were the financial tables for the year so arranged as to convey the compiler's view of the position of the several Provinces in relation to the three Masonic Charities. In the letter the Province of Lincolnshire is made to appear greatly in default, as the following extract will show:—"The next on the list is Lincolnshire, with an annual deficiency of £640. Now this case is worse than the preceding, for while Devonshire is taking £1020 from the funds she is contributing at the rate of nearly £378 per annum. Lincolnshire, on the other hand, is burdening the funds with £696 per annum, to which she contributes something under £60. I am given to understand this Province is starting Provincial Charities of its own, and a very good thing too; but she should be just before she is generous, and not lay all the burden of her destitute Craftsmen and their belongings on the shoulders of the other Provinces. The Benevolent are short by over £233, the Boys' £246, and the Girls' 156." Such boys, girls and annuitants from this Province as are now deriving benefit from the Masonic Institutions have secured these advantages either by the payment of a sum in cash, or because a sufficient number of votes was given in their favour, and as the votes given to them were secured by the payment of a sum of money representing their value, it is somewhat difficult to understand the meaning of the paragraph from the letter of "P.M. 1607" above quoted. The Province has voting power, for which it has paid; is it not at liberty to use it in securing the object for which votes are acquired? or is the Province in possession of benefits from the Masonic Institutions to which it is not entitled? In what way is it acting unjustly? It would be instructive if "P.M. 1607" would make these points clear. Apart from the above, the figures given in the Tables, as far as this Province is concerned, are far from being correct, and it is much to be regretted that the compiler of the tables did not make sure that his figures were accurate before giving publicity to them. Seven years' contributions to the Boys' Institution are put down as £161 3s, whereas over £490 has been sent in support of this Institution during the period named. The cost this year is put down at £270—that is, charging for six boys, whereas two of the six boys in the Institution are "Oliver Memorial" boys, and were purchased into the School—over £180 having been paid on account of each boy, so that clearly their cost should not be placed side by side with the contributions from the Province. The cost of the girls is put down at £170, whereas it should be £136, there being only four girls in the School, and not five as calculated for. The contributions for the seven years are said to be £94 10s, whereas over £196 was contributed for such period. As to the Benevolent Institution, I regret I cannot get at the total sum sent from the Province for the seven years, but I know in 1885 two Lodges contributed nearly £90 to this Institution, apart from the ordinary subscriptions of say £14, and there should be placed to the credit of the seven years in question, something like £115 being the proportion of the purchase money for about fifty votes for fifteen years. The figures given by me* make a difference of about £200 in favour of this Province, and reduce what "P.M. 1607" calls a deficiency of £640 to about £430. As far as I can form an opinion of the future of this Province there is, I believe, a strong and loyal attachment to the Central Charities, which the inaccurate and misleading remarks of "P.M. 1607" will not seriously interfere with. The stream of Masonic benevolence has it is true been largely directed for some time to the formation of Provincial Charities, which I am glad "P.M. 1607" approves of, but I hope that at no distant date the Province will direct its charitable efforts towards further helping the grand Central Institutions, of which every Mason may be justly proud.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

B. VICKERS, Prov. G.S.

Lincoln, 9th April 1886.

* Boys.

	Cost this Year.	Seven Years' Contributions.	Annual Average.	Deficiency for Current Year.
	£	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
P.M. 1607 - -	270	161 3 0	23 0 5	246 19 7
My figures - -	180	496 0 0	70 17 1	109 2 11
		GIRLS.		
P.M. 1607 - -	170	94 10 0	13 10 0	156 10 0
My figures - -	136	196 7 0	28 1 0	107 19 0
		BENEVOLENT.		
P.M. 1607 - -	256	158 9 0	22 12 9	233 7 3
My figures - -	256	300 0 0	42 17 1	213 3 11

We have been requested to state that the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, held at the White Hart, King's Road, Chelsea, will in future meet on Thursday evenings, at half-past seven o'clock, instead of Friday, as heretofore. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here, as usual, on Good Friday.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville.—Tuesday witnessed the first evening performance of "Sophia," by Mr. Robert Buchanan. The author has selected the well-known novel "Tom Jones" for his theme, but has refrained from using any part of the book which might cause offence, and the results of his labours are satisfactory. Act I. shows a lawn before Squire Western's house, where we witness an interview between Tom Jones (who is despised by all), and Blifil (a mean and lying scoundrel), both under the guardianship of Mr. Allworthy, a country gentleman, who believes Blifil to be the essence of goodness. Tom Jones, after kissing a poacher's daughter, protecting the poacher, and thrashing Blifil within an inch of his life, is turned out of the house, a consummation brought about by the lying propensities of Blifil. The scene in Act II. is described as a "Barber's Shop and Rural Prospect," and here we find Tom has taken refuge with Partridge, whose oft-repeated remark of "Next, please," causes much laughter. Sophia, however, through her maid Honour, discovers Tom's retreat, and informs him she is being forced into a marriage with Blifil, who is distasteful to her. She escapes to London, whither she is tracked by her father and Blifil. She is also followed there by Tom. Act III. represents a room in Lady Bellaston's house in Golden Square. This lady pretends to help Sophia. She visits Tom in the garret where he is lodging, where he has taken refuge with Partridge. Now follows an amusing episode. Honour pays a visit in search of Tom, and is hidden by Partridge in a cupboard. Lady Bellaston then enters, and is also hidden in an adjoining room. Sophia in turn arrives, and is found a hiding place, but she is surprised at the entrance of Squire Western and Blifil. Some conversation takes place, which ends in Sophia disclosing herself, and renouncing Tom, and signifying her intention to conform to her father's will by marrying Blifil. Act IV. shows us a room at the Bull and Gate Inn, Holborn, where all is made right, through the agency of Honour and Partridge, and Blifil's villainy is exposed. In almost every case the parts assigned to the several artistes suited them admirably. The Sophia of Miss Kate Rorke was fresh, sympathetic, and charming. The way in which she threw herself into Tom Jones's arms when she visited him in his garret seemed so natural that it was received with rapturous applause. Miss Lottie Venne is well suited with the part of Honour; while Miss Helen Forsyth plays with spirit as Molly Seagrim. Miss Sophia Larkin was at her ease in illustrating the vanity of Miss Western. Miss Rose Leclercq thoroughly earned the applause which was bestowed on her as the baffled Lady Bellaston. Mr. T. Thorne has secured another of those parts from which he manages to create so much fun. His Partridge was full of humour, and he will doubtless revel in a part that suits his style so admirably. In Mr. Charles Glenny's Tom Jones there was no lack of manliness and buoyancy. Mr. Allworthy was well played by Mr. Gilbert Farquhar; Mr. Carleton discreetly accentuated Blifil's villany; while Mr. Fuller Mellish showed improvement as the poacher Seagrim. Mr. Fred Thorne works hard to command success as Squire Western, and this he certainly does. He at times, however, makes too much noise for so small a theatre. At the conclusion of the piece both author and artistes were called before the curtain.

Gaiety.—Mr. Eugene C. Stafford, the manager of this theatre, announces his annual benefit matinée, for Tuesday afternoon next, the 20th instant, when a new comedy, entitled "Veracity," will be produced.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, held at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday, 19th instant. Bros. J. C. Smith W.M., James Hemming S.W., J. Thom J.W. Second Lecture—Bros. Thom, Edmonds, Procter, Hemming, Emblin. Third Lecture—Bros. Fraser, Storr, Solomon. Commencing at 7·30.

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will in future be held at the New Market Hotel, 26 King-street, Smithfield, E.C. It meets every Monday at 7·30 p.m., under the Preceptorship of Bro. William Pennefather P.M., with Bro. H. J. Lardner as Assistant Preceptor, and will close at 9·30. Craftsmen are cordially invited.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, will not meet on Thursday next (the evening before Good Friday). On the following Thursday evening, the 29th inst., the members will assemble as usual.

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Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—The annual supper was held on Monday evening, the 12th inst., at the Gaudon Hotel, Clapham S.W., under the presidency of Bro. Johnson P.M. 1320, Secretary 2005, Preceptor of the Lodge. There was a large assemblage present, amongst whom were several prominent local brethren. The supper was of a most récherché character, and was served in Bro. Shannaw's well-known style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being given from the chair, Bro. Woods P.M. proposed, in eloquent terms, the toast of the evening—Success to the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, and in the course of his remarks said there could be no doubt that under such an able Preceptor, and with such ample accommodation, the Lodge could not fail to be a prosperous one. The Preceptor (Bro. Johnson), the Treasurer (Bro. Westley), and the Secretary (Bro. King), suitably responded. The health of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. Johnson, and Bro. Jenkins W.M. Royal Jubilee Lodge and Bro. Stunt W.M. Blackheath Lodge returned thanks. The Chairman, in proposing the health of the host (Bro. Shannaw), commented upon the excellence of the repast he had provided. Bro. Shannaw briefly replied. Several brethren contributed some excellent songs, and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, No. 241.—The members of this Lodge of Instruction held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on 6th inst., the principal Officers being Bro. R. Robinson P.P.G.R. acting as W.M., Bro. A. C. Luker S.W. 251 as S.W., Bro. W. H. Cooke S.W. 1013 as J.W. Bros. Brotherton and West were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary. During the banquet which followed the business, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the Treasurer read the financial statement, which proved that the Lodge was in a most flourishing condition. The following brethren responded to the special toasts—Bro. W. H. Cooke for the Officers, Bro. James Pendleton for the mother Lodge, Bros. Brotherton and Luker for the Treasurer, and Bro. West for the Secretary. This Lodge of Instruction owes its present strong position mainly to the Preceptor, Bro. R. Robinson, with whose profound knowledge of the Ritual are combined a specially courteous and pleasing manner, and all the tact necessary to the discharge of his important duties.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 9th instant, at the Star and Garter, Kew, when there were present—Bros. Turner W.M., Hughes S.W., F. Botley J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Sec., Thomas S.D., Cammell J.D., Rev. Pickering Chaplain, Francis I.G., Sugg Organist, Goss, Hughes. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goss candidate. The questions leading to the third degree were answered by Bro. Frances, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. H. Hughes candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley answered the questions of the fifth section of the first lecture. Bro. J. H. Hughes was elected W.M. for 16th inst. It was proposed and seconded that the Masonic votes of the Lodge of Instruction be vested in the names of the Secretary or Secretaries for the time being. Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541.—The usual meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, whose doings were commented upon last week, was held on Saturday evening, 10th inst., at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, and the following were the Officers on that occasion:—Bros. Ruffles W.M., Maxsted S.W., Hooper pro tem for Hampton J.W., Botibol S.D., Perkins J.D., Stacey P.M. Preceptor, Wesley I.G. The ceremony of passing was gone through, Bro. Isaacs candidate, and the work was done in a highly creditable manner, and at its conclusion several sections of the degree were worked by the brethren. Nothing further was brought forward in the shape of business, and the Lodge was closed in complete harmony in the usual manner.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 12th inst., at Baker Bros., the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Turner W.M., Richardson S.W., Flack J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hancock S.D., Dixie J.D., Barnett I.G., Western acting Preceptor. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Weeden, as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The third section of the lecture was worked. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Styles, Camden Lodge, No. 704, was elected a member, and Bro. Richardson appointed W.M. for Monday, 19th inst.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—Held at the Wheatsheaf, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Bros. Davis W.M., Williams S.W., Spiegel J.W., Burton P.M. S.D., Jennings I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Molony candidate. Bro. Williams W.M. of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge was elected W.M. for Thursday, the 15th inst. It was arranged that the annual Festival of the Creaton Lodge of Instruction take place on the 29th inst., at the Wheatsheaf, at 8 o'clock, the members present promised their support, and it is expected, under the management of Bro. Chalfont P.M. Secretary, this will prove a success. It was decided that the Lecture on the Origin of Freemasonry, its transmission from the early ages to the present generation, with the different rituals, will be delivered by Bro. Spiegel P.M. on 6th May. The Lodge was then closed.

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Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 10th April 1886,

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, O.C., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election, by ballot, of 24 Girls into the Institution from a list of 36 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List				Votes	No. on Poll
25	Cutbush, Amy D.	...	...	3074	1
34	Sanders, L. E....	...	...	2154	2
6	Barnard, G. E. M.	...	...	2045	3
2	Pratt, M. ...	...	...	1964	4
7	Dickenson, M. A.	...	...	1911	5
1	Wells, L. F.	...	...	1837	6
9	Walmsley, E. M.	...	...	1821	7
26	Hood, E. M.	...	...	1694	8
31	Smith, F. A.	...	...	1687	9
15	Chapman, E. L.	...	...	1650	10
5	Kirkman, E.	...	...	1604	11
14	Richardson, F.	...	...	1589	12
33	Addenbrooke, M. J.	...	...	1512	13
22	Glass, M. H.	...	...	1509	14
10	Pinder, J. M.	...	...	1508	15
4	Knight, J. D.	...	...	1499	16
17	Bulmer, F. ...	...	...	1473	17
36	Bell, V. A. W.	...	...	1454	18
3	Phillips, E. ...	...	...	1409	19
30	Woodman, M. R.	...	...	1340	20
27	Arrowsmith, L. M.	...	...	1120	21
35	Hardey, L. D.	...	...	1088	22
8	Wardroper, G. E.	...	...	1015	23
13	Fulford, E. M.	...	...	703	24

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.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
10th April 1886.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE mother of the candidate MATHILDE PRATT, and the Brethren who exerted themselves to secure her election, return their sincere thanks for the help rendered by Subscribers and Governors of the Institution, by whose votes the child was placed No. 4 on the list of successful candidates.

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THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place

On WEDNESDAY, the 19th MAY next,

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of April 1886,

Bro. WILLIAM ROBBUCK, V.P., Trustee (P.G. Steward), in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of THIRTY BOYS from an approved List of Forty-eight Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List					Votes
1	37	Sanders, E. H.	...	...	...	2057
2	24	Groombridge, R. T.	...	...	...	1746
3	40	Bunney, T. B.	...	...	...	1686
4	30	Humphries, W. H.	...	...	...	1674
5	13	Stocken, W. A.	...	...	...	1644
6	25	Leaman, R. ...	...	...	...	1639
7	41	Williams, A. E.	...	...	...	1635
8	21	Mayne, E. A. J.	...	...	...	1635
9	12	Freeman, W. B.	...	...	...	1593
10	9	Fox, O. R. J.	...	...	...	1579
11	6	Webb, F. T. ...	...	...	...	1569
12	34	Ace, C. T. W.	...	...	...	1543
13	11	Limpricht, C. W.	...	...	...	1511
14	22	Saville, C. R.	...	...	...	1508
15	31	Mitchell, S. J.	...	...	...	1507
16	45	Wsape, W. ...	...	...	...	1505
17	47	Buckley, C. S.	...	...	...	1503
18	26	Phipson, A. W.	...	...	...	1486
19	19	Midgley, R. ...	...	...	...	1456
20	46	Benham, F. C.	...	...	...	1456
21	23	Thaw, F. G. ...	...	...	...	1454
22	48	Brister, O. L.	...	...	...	1451
23	27	Melhuish, R....	...	...	...	1430
24	32	Lane, F. J. ...	...	...	...	1423
25	8	Plows, H. B....	...	...	...	1421
26	35	Haines, G. E.	...	...	...	1407
27	44	Hancock, F. E.	...	...	...	1378
28	28	Watts, S. W....	...	...	...	1366
29	42	Nicholson, R. C.	...	...	...	1344
30	33	Sugden, H. A.	...	...	...	1342

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.
12th April 1886.

THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 30th June. The Right. Hon. LORD SUFFIELD, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, has kindly consented to preside.

*** The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting was held at Ripon, on Wednesday, 7th instant, under the banner of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352. The Prince Leopold Lodge was opened at three o'clock by the W.M., the Rev. W. C. Lukis. Two Master Masons, Bros. Parker and Hutchinson, were regularly advanced to the degree of a Mark Master, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. Francis Smith was regularly installed into the chair of A. by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. L. Mason. Bro. Smith was duly proclaimed and afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year. At 5·20 the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, entered, and duly opened by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. C. L. Mason, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., D.P.G.M.M., Joseph W. Monckman P.P.G.W. as P.G.S.W., L. P. Pugh, M.D., Prov. G.J.W., Rev. Dr. Smyth Prov. G.M.O., Thomas Whitaker P.P.G.W. as Provincial G.S.O., W. F. Tomlinson Prov. Grand Registrar as Prov. G.J.O., W. Corke P.G.S.O. Provincial Grand Secretary, Parkin as Prov. G.S.D., Hutchinson as Prov. G.J.D., James H. Gratien Prov. G.I. of Works, W. R. Massie Prov. G.D.C., J. J. Green as Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Henry A. Styring Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, Pearson as Prov. Grand I.G., Frances Smith, Tupman, and Thorpe as Prov. Grand Stewards. The Provincial Grand Mark Master was duly proclaimed, and in thanking the brethren said: I do not know whether any word is necessary to explain the reason of our meeting at Ripon, having had a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency here in last April. Then we met to consecrate the Lodge under whose banner we are assembled to-day; now we are specially asked to be present and assist at the installation of Bro. Smith as the W.M. for the ensuing year. I congratulate the Prince Leopold brethren on the steady progress they have made during the first year of their existence, and I am sure all the members of Provincial Grand Lodge join me in wishing the new Master, Bro. Smith, a happy and prosperous year of office. In November last we rather unexpectedly received a notice of the proposed alteration of the Book of Constitutions, and a draft copy was sent for inspection. I regret the matter was so hurried; indeed the time was so short that we could not call the General Purposes Committee together to consider them. I do not know how far the altered Book of Constitutions may affect our Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws. But it will be desirable as soon as the new Constitutions are published for the Committee to meet and carefully consider them. There is one alteration in the Book of Constitutions which will be satisfactory to all. It has enabled Grand Lodge to elect H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Mark Master. We may congratulate ourselves on the distinguished honour conferred on our Order by the acceptance of the position of Grand Mark Master by his Royal Highness, which, I am sure, will be very beneficial to the Order. Brethren, it will devolve upon you to-day to nominate a Provincial Grand Master, as my time of office, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order, will expire next September. I desire most heartily to thank the brethren for all the kind and loyal support given to me during my term of office, which I shall always remember with pleasure. I trust, brethren, that you will not allow kindly feelings to bias you in your choice to-day, for I can assure you that, whoever it may be, he shall have from me all the assistance and help he may need. Brethren, we require still a little more perseverance in some of our Lodges. Many are working well, but some are flagging. May I ask the help and assistance of the active members in promoting the welfare of all the Lodges in the Province?" The roll of Lodges having been called, it was found that with one exception all were represented. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Halifax, on Wednesday, the 14th October last, having been confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were read from several Provincial Grand Officers. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis) proposed, the Provincial Grand Registrar (Bro. W. F. Tomlinson) seconded, and the Provincial Grand Master Overseer (Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth) supported, a resolution, nominating Bro. C. L. Mason for re-appointment by the Grand Master for the ensuing three years. This resolution was unanimously adopted. The Provincial Grand Master, in acknowledging the resolution, said that he would endeavour in the future, as he had done in the past, to do all he possibly could for the welfare of the Order in the Province. Invitations were tendered from Leeds and Sheffield for the Provincial Grand Lodge to hold its next meeting in those towns, and the Provincial Grand Master intimated that those invitations should receive due attention. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Unicorn Inn, where Bro. Collinson had made ample arrangements for their comfort. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was passed by the brethren.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 1502.

THE members of this Chapter attended in strong force at the usual meeting, held on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. Comps. S. J. Henochsberg M.E.Z., M. Aronsberg H., and H. Archer J. were the Principals, and there were also present Comps. M. Hart P.Z. Treas., H. A. Tobias P.Z. S.E., A. Kirkpatrick S.N., D. Stern First Assist. Soj., R. Wilcock Second Assist. Soj., P. Ball Janitor, R. Robinson P.Z., S. Simmons, J. P. Paris, H. J. Cottrell, D. Gabriel sen., A. J. Lindsay P.Z. 126, A. D. Hesketh P.S. 1356, J. C. Robinson H. 249, E. Sherwood P.S. 680, and Hugh Williams P.P.G.S.B. P.Z. 1094. Two candidates were exalted, and the manner in which the new First Principal performed the principal portions of the ceremony elicited general approval. He received admirable assistance from the other Principals and subordinate Officers. An excellent supper was subsequently supplied by Comp. Casey, the House Steward, and the subsequent proceedings, generally presided over by Comp. Henochsberg Z., were of a most enjoyable nature.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—To achieve honours in the Craft degree of Freemasonry has ever been the desire and emulation of the great body of its members, and when the coveted position of Worshipful Master is attained, it is generally

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believed that the acmé of the Order has been arrived at. There is, however, as every Master Mason knows, certain things which are left in store for him, should he be fortunate in obtaining a knowledge of them, and they will be found in the development of the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch; and therefore all its ceremonies are regarded with that veneration which is due to this exalted degree. There are but few of its members who are sufficiently versed in the Ritual of the ceremonies of installation of its Principals as to undertake the treble duty when required, and therefore, when it was announced that three Acting Principals in the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement would instal their successors, an unusual amount of interest was felt in the gathering on this occasion. The convocation for this purpose was held at an earlier hour than usual on Tuesday, 13th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, City, and as the ceremonies announced are so seldom rehearsed, the gathering was attended by some of the most eminent and exalted members of the degre. Amongst those present, we noticed Comps. H. Ruff P.Z. 95, Strugnell P.Z. 1044, H. Thompson P.Z. 619, Dr. Pridmore P.Z. 619, Horne P.Z. 7, Webb P.Z. Stanmore Chapter, Middlesex, C. Daniel P.Z. 65, Knight Z. 174, Brooks Z. 975, Ferry Z. 65, Frazer Z. 214, Gillard Z. 19, Smart Z. 766, Notley Z. elect 7, Charles Z. elect 19, Roberts Z. elect 65, Wells H. elect 1556, Payne H. elect 1524, Haynes H. elect 65, Beedell J. 538, Jeffs J. elect 19, and many other Principals and Past Principals. The Chapter having been opened in due form, the Installation of the three Principals was rehearsed by Comps. Webb Z., Fraser H., and Gillard J., and it is not too much to say the whole of these interesting ceremonies are rarely given in so perfect a manner as they were rendered on this occasion, and there was a concurrent opinion that the highest praise was due to Comp. Brown, the Preceptor of the Chapter, for what he had done in bringing about so satisfactory a result. The rest of the Companions were afterwards admitted, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by Comps. Notley Z., Payne H., Ruff J., Brown S.E. and Preceptor, Webb S.N., Beedell P.Z., Comp. Haynes being the candidate. The ceremony being brought to a conclusion, it was proposed, and unanimously carried, that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to the three Principals who had rehearsed the ceremonies. The following were elected Officers for the ensuing fortnight—Comps. Webb Z., Ruff H., Jeffs J., Jones S.N., Payne P.S. It was announced that Comps. Brooks, Hall, and Notley had undertaken to rehearse the Installation ceremonies on Tuesday, the 11th of May, the last time they will be rehearsed this season, and it is hoped that a large gathering of Principals will attend on that occasion. Since this Chapter of Improvement has been removed to its present place of meeting it is every night numerously attended, and those aspirants for distinction in this supreme degree will find it a great advantage to them to receive the instruction here to be obtained. The Ritual of the degree is communicated in its greatest purity by its talented Preceptor, who is most painstaking in his endeavours to make all his pupils proficient as Royal Arch Masons, and fit them to fill any office in the Chapter to which hereafter they may be called.

The North London Chapter of Improvement maintains the goodly attendances that have been the rule of late. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed on Thursday by Companions Dean M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., J. Strugnell J. The other offices were filled as under:—Comps. Sheffield S.E., Bird S.N., Edmonds P.S.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE closing meeting of this Lodge for the winter season took place at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Martin W.M., who was supported by E. Thring S.W., T. H. Peirce P.M. as J.W., William Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, F. T. Bennett S.D.; P.M.'s Alfred Green, Alfred Withers, Usher Back, T. H. Lavers, John Laver, F. J. Hentsch and W. W. Morgan. The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Charles James Dawson, and Capt. George Caleb Challen were raised to the sublime degree, and after routine business the Lodge was closed. A supper followed, after which the toasts customary to the occasion were honoured. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Hart Senior Warden 1046, C. Luckett 1126, A. Honnson Inner Guard 1110, George Taylor, Past Master 1539, J. A. Collings Organist 1673, C. F. Curtis 1950. In the course of the evening reference was made to the appointment of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge to the Deputy Grand Mastership of the Province of Surrey. Bro. Morgan, who made the announcement, spoke of the illness which prevented Bro. Greenwood's attendance that evening. This illness was particularly to be deplored at the present time, as Bro. Greenwood was engaged most strenuously in support of his chief—General Brownrigg—who would preside at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Greenwood had undertaken a Stewardship for the Girls' School, as representing the St. Michael's Lodge, and in his absence he (the speaker) urged the brethren to support their Treasurer to the best of their ability. A most liberal response was made by those present, and as the sum of ten guineas was voted at a previous meeting, there is little doubt that an amount will be forthcoming which will be creditable to the Lodge which Bro. Greenwood will represent. Bro. Radcliffe was requested to convey to Bro. Greenwood the sympathy the brethren felt for him in his illness, and their hope that he would be soon restored to health.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE Installation meeting of this popular Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 8th April, with Bro. Bieling W.M., O. Bryant S.W. and W.M. elect, Tongue J.W., Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. S.D., Apsey J.D., Turner I.G., A. Runtz D.C., Banks Tyler. Lodge was opened at 6 a.m., when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A very satisfactory report from the Audit Committee was read and accepted. Dr. Jackson then presented the Master elect (Bro. Bryant) to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony was most carefully performed by the retiring W.M., and in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction to the board of fourteen Installed Masters, and to the large number of guests who were present. After the W.M. had selected his Officers for the ensuing year, it was his pleasing duty to present Bro. Bieling with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him at the last meeting. This was received, and suitably acknowledged by the recipient. Bro. Jackson P.M. then proposed that, in consideration of the able manner in which Bro. Bieling had performed his duties during his year of office, for representing the Lodge at the Festivals, and also for so well performing the Installation ceremony that evening, that he should be presented with the special decoration known as the Polish White Eagle. This was seconded by Bro. Nowakowski P.M. and Treasurer, and unanimously carried by the brethren. Bro. Bioling expressed his appreciation of the kindness he had always received and the support that had been given to him during his year of office. He hoped that the present W.M. would have as happy and prosperous a year as he had had. The resignation of two of the brethren was accepted, with regret. All other business having been completed, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner, Bro. Jackson P.M. giving a short farewell address. The brethren then retired to the banquet-room, there the "fourth degree" was duly celebrated, grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen and Craft. This was followed by "God save the Queen." The toast of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. Philbrick Grand Registrar, who thanked the brethren for giving him the opportunity of responding to the toast. All felt the deep debt of gratitude with which the whole body of Freemasons regarded their M.W.G.M., who at a most critical period in the history of the Craft came forward and undertook the onerous duties, and who ever interested himself most deeply in all matters of important business connected with the Craft. The Pro G.M. also devoted himself to the pressing concerns of the Craft, that the interests of Freemasonry might be duly guarded, and this feeling was also felt by the Grand Officers. Miss Thomas here favoured the brethren with a pianoforte selection. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., and hoped he would have a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Bryant, in reply, thanked the brethren for having elected him as their W.M., and assured them he would do all he could for the prosperity and advancement of the Lodge. Bro. Nash favoured the brethren with an amusing song. The toast of the Visitors was then drank, with enthusiasm. Miss Blanche Owen followed with a song. The toast of the Officers and Tyler brought to a close a very pleasant evening. The following Visitors were present—Bros. Philbrick Grand Registrar of England, Snodin P.M. 157, Norris P.M. 181, Alford P.M. 228, Main 1531, Shand P.M. 1563, Styles 704, T. Panter Telfie 12, Schartau 1519, Barratt and Paas jun. 28, Smart P.M. 776, G. L. Wingate P.M. 1423, John Cox P.M. 1658, Larchin P.M. 1511, Alfred Bryant 1145, Andrews 1329, John Dale 1613, Berry J.W. 1382, Foster P.M. 19, Saegert P.M. 548, John Nash and J. Niedzielski.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday afternoon, the 5th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, Great George Street, Leeds. The W.M. Bro. Charles Scriven occupied the chair, and he was supported by W. Bro. Herbert Green P.G. Secretary, by a large number of the past and present Provincial Grand Officers, as well as by the Worshipful Masters of all the Leeds Lodges, and many visiting brethren from many parts of the Province. Bro. G. W. Balfour, M.P., was passed to the second degree by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Youings and Ward, the ceremony being beautifully worked. Bro. Youings was then installed into King Solomon's chair by W. Bro. Scriven, after which Bro. Blagbro sang "Be thou faithful unto death." After this ceremony, the Lodge closed "in peace and harmony," and the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where Bro. Wood served dinner. During the evening interesting speeches were delivered. The musical part of the programme was in the hands of W. Bro. Townsend, and W. Bro. Winn acted as Director of the Ceremonies. In the course of the proceedings, W. Bro. Scriven was the recipient of a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had discharged his duties. The Officers of the Goderich Lodge now are as follow:—W. Bro. Youings W.M., W. Bro. C. Scriven I.P.M., Bro. Bradford S.W., Bro. Smith J.W., Bro. Canon Bullock Chaplain, Bro. Rev. A. B. Coombe Assistant Chaplain, W. Bro. Furness P.M. Treasurer, W. Bro. Eddison Secretary, Bro. Ward S.D., Bro. Chester J.D., W. Bro. Winn P.M. P.P.G.S.W. M.C., W. Bro. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D. Charity Steward, W. Bro. Townsend P.M. Organist, W. Bro. Jacques P.M. I.G., Bro. W. Wood Steward, and Bro. Barraud Tyler.

WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, King Street, Manchester. It being the election night, there was a very large attendance of brethren, and a goodly number of Visitors, including

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the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. John Chadwick, whose presence in the Wolseley Lodge is always looked upon with a great amount of pleasure by every brother of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master Bro. Wm. Harris was at his post, assisted by every one of his Officers, who did their work that evening, as they have always done, in a manner that called forth the heartiest appreciation on the part of the Provincial Officers and visiting brethren, many of whom were Past Masters and Worshipful Masters of neighbouring Lodges. Bro. Holland answered the questions leading to the third degree in a manner seldom equalled, thus giving evidence that his instructor had well done his work. After a few preliminary remarks, the Worshipful Master instructed the Deacons to hand round to the brethren the voting papers for election of Worshipful Master. After this was done, Bro. McKellen P.M., in a neat and truly Masonic speech, strongly urged upon the brethren present the important necessity of having a unanimous election, and referring in laudable terms to the services of the Senior Warden Bro. Thomasson. He concluded by remarking that he hoped the way in which Bro. Thomasson had performed all the offices he had held would induce the brethren to sink other considerations, and reward his ability by electing him Worshipful Master. One by one each of the brethren who were eligible for election withdrew their names, and then the Junior Warden, who is very popular in the Lodge, in the most magnanimous manner also withdrew his name. The Director of Ceremonies then rose, and expressed the pleasure he felt at the conduct of the Past Masters and Junior Warden in the matter. He endorsed almost everything that had been said by previous speakers, and hoped that the election would prove unanimous, and that the Wolseley Lodge would still go on and prosper. The Worshipful Master appointed Bro. Geo. Hunt I.P.M. and the Director of the Ceremonies, Bro. Henry Darbyshire, as scrutineers of the voting papers, which, having been gone through, were declared to be almost unanimous. The announcement was received with great satisfaction by the Lodge. Bro. Thomasson returned thanks, and hoped that the brethren would never have occasion to regret the honour they had conferred on him. The Director of the Ceremonies then asked the Worshipful Master to be good enough to vacate the chair and leave the Lodge, as it was his intention to make a proposition which should be discussed by the brethren, and, as it referred, amongst others, to himself, he felt that the Worshipful Master would feel more comfortable outside. The Worshipful Master bowed assent, and requested his Immediate Past Master Bro. Geo. Hunt to occupy the chair, and retired amidst the Masonic greetings of the brethren. Bro. Darbyshire then made the proposition, and, at the suggestion of Bro. Past Master Hopewell, amended the same, which was read as follows:—"That Past Masters' jewels be presented to the three first Worshipful Masters of the Wolseley Lodge —namely, Bros. D. Edwards, G. Hunt, and W. Harris, and that a committee be appointed to consider and decide as to a special design being got for the said jewels, the cost to be defrayed by the Lodge." The proposition, in its amended form, was duly carried, and the W.M. re-entered the Lodge. In reply to the usual questions, the Secretary Bro. J. Hatton read communications, and two resignations from brethren, who, through circumstances which they explained with regret, withdrew from the Lodge. The resignations were duly accepted. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge duly closed at 9 p.m. The brethren then sat down to a well-provided knife and fork tea, put upon the table by the Lodge caterer, Mrs. Edwards. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, and, the W.M. having passed the gavel to Bro. D. Edwards, that worthy brother proposed the health of the newly raised Bro. Holland, in such a manner as to call forth the applause of the brethren. Bro. Holland replied in suitable terms. The toast of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Darbyshire, and responded to by Bro. Harris. The toast of the Officers was then proposed, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. J. Hatton, the indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge, and this highly respected brother responded to the toast. One of the most pleasant evenings ever held in the Wolseley Lodge—enthusiastic to a degree—was brought to a close by the Tyler giving his toast a few minutes before eleven o'clock.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Saturday afternoon, in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, when there was a large attendance of brethren. The W.M. W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Deputy Dist. G.M. Eastern Archipelago was supported by W. Bro. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treas. S.W., W. Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Bro. William Watson P.M. Secretary, Bro. Robert Abbott Treasurer, Bro. the Rev. H. S. Butler Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Player S.D., Bro. Scott Young J.D., Bro. Atkinson (in the absence of Bro. Theawell) I.G. W. Bro. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D. acted as I.P.M. The Visitors included Past Masters from Leeds, Ripon, Halifax, and other Lodges. Bros. Benjamin, Sykes, Bailey, and Lewis Howard were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. Mason. This beautiful ceremony was most impressively worked. Bro. J. Wilton Jones was afterwards initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., who received efficient aid from his two Wardens, and from W. Bro. R. Craig. Hearty good wishes having been exchanged, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to "high tea," at which a most enjoyable time was spent. Bro. Jones, in responding to the Initiate's toast, bore testimony to the impressive manner in which the ceremony had been worked. He expressed the hope that he might be able to live up to the high standard set by the mystic Craft, and that in his case Brother might mean more than a name.

PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109.

THIS new Lodge, which may be said to be an off-shoot of the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, Manchester, consecrated so recently as the 23rd of January this year—which event was duly reported in our issue of the 6th of February—held its meeting on the 10th inst., in the hall of the Conservative Club, Heaton Moor, near Manchester. The chair in the east was occupied by Bro. Hopewell W.M. of this Lodge and Past Provincial Officer of Bombay. The Senior Warden Bro. Webster and the Junior Warden Bro. Barton occupied the chairs in the west and south respectively. All the other Officers were in their respective places at the time set down for the commencement of business, and the Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the W.M. at 6.30 p.m. The business on the agenda paper was a ballot for one joining brother, one initiation, two passings, and two raisings. The joining brother was unanimously elected. The initiatory ceremony was performed in an excellent manner by Bro. Past Master Eastwood. The corner-stone address was ably delivered by Bro. Wells, who was initiated only about two years since in the Wolseley Lodge, but who now, with much credit, occupies the position of Senior Deacon in the Prince Edward Lodge. The working tools were very creditably explained by Bro. Barton, the Junior Warden. The Lodge was then raised to the second degree, and the candidates having answered the questions, were entrusted. After they had retired, the Lodge was raised to the third degree, and the candidates were duly re-admitted, and raised by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Several important matters were discussed. Hearty good wishes were expressed from the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer by the W.M. at 10.30. After the ceremony of initiation, the brethren were called from labour to refreshment, and sat down to a well-furnished table, supplied by the Lodge caterer. There was a very good attendance of brethren, who seemed to enjoy the splendid working of the Officers, and the Visitors were unanimous in their expressions of the delight they felt in seeing this new Lodge so favourably launched. We would remark that, though the room in which the Lodge is now held is a very handsome one, complete as to its furnishing and acoustic properties, we are glad to learn that it has been decided by the Officers and members, in conjunction with the proprietors of the Hall, to build a special room in the grounds adjoining the Conservative Club at Heaton Moor for a Masonic temple. Owing to the pressure of the business of the evening, the Worshipful Master had not an opportunity of again inviting the visiting brethren to the festive board, but very generously remarked that he hoped they would take an early day to revisit them, when he might have an opportunity of showing them that the Prince Edward Lodge could, and would, entertain its Visitors to a sumptuous festive board, where they might regale themselves, like the Wolseley Lodge, with the "cups that cheer, but not inebriate."

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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 APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
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

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1887—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 19th APRIL.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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).
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1663—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. 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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
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
1439—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1969—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Edgington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 20th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
50—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
[illegible]—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lothbury-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.
654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
703—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Green Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
869—Domatic, Salters' Tavern, Throgmorton-street, Bassishaw, at 8 (Instruction)
976—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
1425—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Chandos Street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1506—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1554—Bedalington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1129—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1427—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Tremlett Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1441—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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1804—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Mablon
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
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
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
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Inven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden

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. 782—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 21st APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stew. Co., Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (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, Lothbury-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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)
1527—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1973—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1981—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1993—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Aldersgate Street, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Duke, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, Joan-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
240—Old Union, Masonic Hall, Stockbridge
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Benton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquility, Boer's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Johnstone-place, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lamport
365—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barnsley
547—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Barrowhead.
681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
692—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
696—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk House, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons Hall, Manchester
674—St. John, Masonic Hall, Accrington, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
755—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale

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823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Ray'eigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
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. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 40[illegible]—Stortford, Cheque's Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 417—[illegible]aith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 53[illegible]—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 731—Trr th, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 22nd 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
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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—Burpett 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)
1428—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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Alchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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)
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. 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
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

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
1506—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1690—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Belsden Bridge
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1095—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

FRIDAY, 23rd APRIL.

197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
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
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 24th APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
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.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
M.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

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CANDIDATES FOR THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual general meeting of this Institution will be held on Friday, the 21st May, on which occasion the usual election of brethren and widows as annuitants will take place. The applicants for the benefits of the Institution are particularly numerous in connection with both branches of the Fund, there being fifty-eight brethren on the list for the Male branch, and seventy-one widows on that for the Female. At the present time the declared vacancies are very few in comparison with the large number of eligible candidates, the actual figures being fifteen for the Male Fund and nine for the Female; in both cases three of these vacancies being for deferred annuities, only available on the death of some of those already in receipt of grants from the funds of the Institution. It is all but certain that the number of vacancies to be filled will be increased on the day of election, as deaths have occurred among the annuitants since the numbers to be elected were fixed, and the vacancies thus caused will, without doubt, be filled up as usual. These will not, however, make the prospects of the candidates very much better, and under any circumstances we may expect to see about one hundred of the Old People who are at present applying for annuities sent despairingly away after the contest on the 21st of next month, and then nothing can be done for that large number of deserving candidates for another year. In that time, perhaps, many of these poor old people may find relief from their sorrows in death, while others—and we hope by far the majority—will be spared to take part in another election, with, we trust, a much brighter result, so far as they are individually concerned. However, the next election is what concerns us at the present time, and for that contest, as we have said, the ballot papers show a total of one hundred and twenty-nine candidates, with twenty-four vacancies, that is, nearly one annuity for each five who apply. It is not our intention to devote any considerable space to a seriatim review of the cases; we shall content ourselves with a notice of some of the special points which strike us.

Of the fifty-eight brethren who apply for the benefits of the Male Fund fourteen have taken part in previous elections, thus leaving forty-four who now appear for the first time. Of the fourteen, two now make a fifth application, three a fourth, three a third, and six a second. Brother Charles Sarl, No. 1 on the list, brings forward 75 votes from his four former attempts. He was initiated in No. 35, Cowes, Isle of Wight, in 1863, and paid thereto until December 1879. In 1876 he joined No. 551, Ventnor, and continued a member of that Lodge for five years, making a total of 21¾ years' payments to Grand Lodge funds. He is now entirely without means, but we hope will ere long receive such help as the Benevolent Institution is enabled to afford to those elected to its benefits. No. 2, William Harrison, 73 years of age, is in a far better position, but is still a long way off the coveted annuity. He has a total of 441 votes to his credit, the accumulation of four elections. He was initiated in No. 180, London, in 1854, he afterwards joined No. 733, London, and has altogether paid to Grand Lodge for fourteen years. He also is entirely without means. We should much like to see the names of these two brethren among the list of successful. We do not advocate anything like a concession being made on their behalf, but we feel that five years is almost long enough to keep them in that agony of suspense which they must have both felt so long, in not knowing when to expect the annuity for which they have been declared eligible since the close of 1881 in the one case, and the beginning of 1882 in the other. The fourth application cases are Francis Harper (aged 64), John Musham (aged 46, permanently paralyzed), and Frederick Allies (aged 81). These three brethren have subscribed for 22¾, 5½ and 7 years respectively. Bro. Harper, who was initiated in No. 211, London, brings forward 241 votes; Brother Musham, initiated in No. 200, Scarborough, 8 votes; and Brother Allies, initiated in No. 520, Worcester, 500 votes. We hope it will not be necessary for either of these brethren to make a fifth application. Bros. John Robinson, Charles Leigh, and Robert Nichol, who each come forward for the third time, have respectively 269, 20, and 94 votes to their credit. The former (Brother Robinson) was initiated in No. 123, Richmond, Yorks, and subscribed for twelve years. He is now, at the age of 68, incapable of following his business, having been deprived of the use of his left side through a paralytic stroke. Brother Leigh, an initiate of No. 244, Jersey, and a joining member of No. 1003, also meeting at Jersey, is accredited with 24¼ years' payments. He is 66 years of age and, being afflicted with rheumatic gout, is unable to gain a livelihood. Brother Nichol, an initiate of No. 481, Newcastle on Tyne, is permanently incapacitated from following any employment, and is thus compelled, at the comparatively early age of forty-five, to ask the help of his brother Masons. Will they refuse to grant it? Brother W. Nixon polled 37 votes at last year's election. He was initiated in No. 412, Longtown, in 1853, and paid thereto for thirty years. He is now in his seventy-sixth year, and through age, infirmity, and loss of trade, is reduced to a state of poverty, and quite unable to earn his living. Brother W. J. McLean brings forward 50 votes. He was initiated in No. 248, Brixham, in 1852, and through that Lodge and No. 328, Torquay, which he subsequently joined, he has subscribed to the funds of Grand Lodge for 31¼ years. He is dependent on a sister for support. Brother H. L. Hogg, aged 74, was initiated in No. 57, Hull, in 1849, and remained a member of that Lodge for 29 years. He only secured 9 votes last year, and is at present dependent upon a daughter. Brother R. H. Fry has 15 votes to his credit. He was initiated in 1843, in No. 284, Warwick; he afterwards joined No. 502, Rugby, and in the two Lodges he subscribed to the funds of Masonry for thirteen years. He met with an accident in 1880, and has been confined to his home ever since. Brother John Rowe, an initiate of No. 202, Devonport, appears to be in better circumstances than any of the preceding, so far as income is concerned, for he has a pension of £32 per annum. He was a subscriber to his Lodge for thirty-three years, but is at present unable to do anything for his maintenance. Brother Henry Hatchforth, aged 72 years, was initiated in 395, Leamington, in 1847, and continued a member of that Lodge for 13¼ years. He is now without means, except what he earns as a Tyler. He brings forward 257 votes from last year's election. The whole of the remaining cases are new to the present list, and are, we are sure, one and all of them deserving of any help it is possible for the Craft to afford. There is not one but has had to undergo a severe examination ere his application was admitted, and not one but has felt the misery of

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reduced circumstances. May they all, in turn, be elected to the benefits of the Institution, and may they then long enjoy its annuities, is the wish of every one of its subscribers. It is only the lack of ability to perform what they wish that prevents the subscribers admitting all of the applicants as annuitants at the next election.

Turning now to the Female Branch, we have a list of seventy-one widows seeking a participation in the benefits of the Benevolent Institution. Of these, one makes an eighth application, five a sixth, one a fifth, eight a fourth, eleven a third, twenty a second, while the remaining twenty-five now appear for the first time. The number of votes brought forward range from 1355 in the case of Elizabeth Coulton, No. 19, third application; to nil in the cases of Nos. 39, 40 and 41, all of whom are second applications. As in the case of the brethren seeking to participate in the benefits of the Male Fund, there are special reasons in each of the Widows' cases to render them deserving of sympathy; and large as the number of applicants undoubtedly is, it would not be considered too large for the subscribers to relieve them all, if it were in their power so to do. It is distressing to contemplate the amount of suffering which these two lists of candidates disclose; but, alas, the cases here recorded are but a tittle of those which exist, and which, but for our Benevolent Institution and similar Charities, would ever remain unrelieved. It is only by continued and united efforts that these benefits can be extended, or even sustained; and, as we feel that a study of the two lists to which we have here directed attention would prove one of the best incentives to increased exertion, we commend them to our readers.

MASONRY EVERLASTING.

An Oration by Right Worshipful Alfred A. Hall, Grand Chaplain, at the Dedication of the Masonic Hall, Rutland, Vermont, 27th January 1886.

WE stand to-day in the presence of a work completed, bearing evidence of study, watchfulness, the liberal contribution of means and good taste. Brethren of Rutland, I congratulate you upon the fruition of your labours. May this Masonic home prove to you and to those who shall follow you, a very Bethel in which the pure and noble tenets of Masonry shall be taught. From your altar may the pure incense of morality and virtue ever ascend as an acceptable service to the Great I Am. The ceremonies of consecration have been fitting and impressive, and this beautiful and commodious hall, now dedicated to Masonry, to virtue and to universal benevolence, is an honour to its patrons and to our Institutions, and a monument to the dignity of Masonry. The ceremonies of the evening were to some extent an imitation of the dedication of King Solomon's temple—the prototype of all Masonic halls—and, while they could not expect that divine approval would be manifested by the visible fire which signalized God's presence in the holy of holies, it was hoped that the work had been so constructed and that its future use would be of such a character as to merit the approval of the Lord of hosts.

The occasion and ceremonies make it eminently fitting that we consider the relation of Masonry, virtue and universal benevolence, which have formed triple links in the chain of dedication. Of Masonry let us ask the three important questions—whence? what? whither?—asked by every thoughtful man and woman of every new and obscure principle offered for consideration. The origin of Masonry is veiled in obscurity, and we neither accept the theory of zealots who affirm that it is coeval with the creation, nor limit its birth to the date of its present purely speculative form in 1717. The true time probably dates from the associations formed by the architects of Tyre, called the "Dionysiac Fraternity," an association of builders of temples and like edifices, distinguished by the use of the common signs as a means of recognition. Organizations having similar traditions have existed in all countries for ages, and the evidence of the best Masonic scholars, as well as of much that is in the nature of circumstantial demonstration, show that the antiquity of Masonry is great. From a manuscript in the Bodleian library we have the opinion of the time upon its origin in a dialogue between King Henry VI. and one of the brotherhood summoned for examination, very quaint in expression:

Questian: "Where dyd it begyne?"

Answer: Ytt dyd begynne with the fyrste menne yn the Este, whych were before the ffyrste menne of the Weste, and comynge Weste ytt hath herewyth alle comforts to the mylde and comfortlesse."

The "what" of Masonry is by far the more important question. While we are proud, and justly so, of our antiquity as an organization, and regard it as proof of strength and stability, in this utilitarian age we care far more for the thing itself than for its origin or age. Granted that it commends itself to our use or judgment, and we accept it without question as to whence it came. By the test of works and fruits Masonry should be tried, and if upon examination it is found to contain anything immoral in teaching or practice, or if it trenches upon duty to God, our neighbour or ourselves, then the "tekel" of Belshazzar's warning should be written upon the cover of every Masonic book as well as the walls of every Masonic Lodge room. But if instead there is found anything true, just, honest, lovely or of good report, if there be any virtue or any praise in it, then we have the authority of the great apostle for believing it worthy of our thoughts. Masonry is born of the necessities of mankind, teaching that God is our common Father and man our brother. Its four corner-stones are truth, virtue, justice and charity, and it aims to make men purer, nobler and happier by encouraging mental improvement and social enjoyment, and affording mutual protection and relief. The teachings of the several degrees require a belief in God, and inculcate secrecy, duty, the practice of the cardinal virtues, uprightness, honesty and the cultivation of the liberal arts. There is a marked prominence given to geometry; there are lessons taught by the various Masonic emblems, and finally, the crowning lessons of Masonry teaches that there is an immortal part within us bearing affinity to that supreme intelligence which pervades all nature, and which can never, never, never die. Masonry leads us up to a sublime and noble height by paths hewn carefully in the rock "morality." It bids us from an altitude high and pure behold the streams of life wind gracefully and beautifully from source to mouth through fields made green by noble deeds, unbroken and unlashed by storms and rapids that mark the course of selfishness and sin, but at the dark, unfathomed river, where all finite life must end, it only presents a heaving, tossing tide that marks its nearest shore, content with whispering that there is a land beyond. While not affording perfect satisfaction, nor claiming to supplant the higher life, it tell us of a loftier peak beyond, ascended by a path which runs near to that by which we came, up to a grander, nobler height—the summit of Christianity—and with prophetic words assures us that from such a point we may, in the pure sunlight of God's truth, span the dark abyss and catch glimpses of the jasper walls, the pearly gates and glittering towers that mark the New Jerusalem.

But what is the effect of such teachings upon the heart and life? A beautiful ideal might be held up before us, the imagination might be led to grand and noble heights, but unless it went further than to please the fancy and excite the admiration, it is of little or no practical value. Nought but good can come from Masonic teachings. The evil found in members is not of Masonry. The truth it teaches cannot be contemplated without leaving higher and nobler aspirations, which, if allowed to take root and grow, will prove like the river winding through the valley, adding fertility to its soil and fringing its banks with living green and perennial flowers. A noble principle in the heart benefits not alone him who receives it, but all who come within its influence, for

> No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strength,
> And all life not be purer and nobler thereby.

Masonry has grown from crude beginnings to an institution covering the whole habitable globe, and counts among its numbers all classes and conditions of men; the highest, the lowest, the richest, the poorest, if worthy of acceptance. This country alone has more than seven hundred and fifty thousand Masons, and they increase from twenty thousand to thirty thousand yearly.

Universal benevolence is one of its grandest features. Charities are of two kinds—individual and general—amounting in the aggregate to millions of dollars yearly, expended for the benefit of members, their families, and in the support of libraries, colleges and asylums. The sufferers from fires, floods, famines and epidemics find

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prompt and willing assistance from Masonic treasury. And one of the noblest features of Masonic charity is the secret manner in which it is bestowed.

Written in heaven,
What has been given!
Placed on the record in letters of gold.
Read of the spirits,
Judges of merits,
Some day the names to us all will be told.

In short, virtue and charity are lines running through the whole fabric of Masonry, constituting important elements in its warp and woof, giving it strength and stability, and commending it. If doubts are entertained as to the truthfulness of what has been attributed to Masonry, any one who cares to study can satisfy himself that, while Masonry is a secret society, its only secrets are methods of instruction and means of knowing who are entitled to its benefits. Its principles and teaching can be known as well by an outsider as a member, for the exoteric instruction is far less limited that the esoteric.

Brethren, the reality of life and its work should find willing acceptance in our hearts, and in view of the teachings of our Order we should study not only to make the most of it for ourselves, but for those around us. Masonry means this or means nothing. Our splendid ritual, beautiful ceremonies, excellent precepts, attractive Lodge rooms and fraternal associations are not worth perpetuating simply to gratify the taste or please the fancy. Unless there be found in them the eternal principles of truth, from which good deeds shall spring, benefiting mankind and improving the world, the whole system of Masonry is

"As idle as a painted ship
Upon a painted ocean."

There is power in the Masonic Institution, and if you and I see to it that the fires are kept burning and the boilers well filled, standing at the lever where we can keep it under control, it will prove one of the grandest pieces of human invention ever designed for the benefit of man, and the beauty that surrounds it will be in keeping and harmony with the Institution. Masons may come and go, Masonic halls may crumble and decay, Lodges may spring up, flourish and die; aye, the eternal hills may be shaken and cast down, but like the word of God that shall survive the heavens and earth, the principles of Masonry, virtue and charity are from everlasting to everlasting and shall not pass away. Go forward, then, my brethren, in this great and glorious work; within this hall, made sacred by our dedication to the patron saints of Masonry, let truth prevail and righteousness be exalted; practise our rites in the most solemn and dignified manner; maintain assiduously the dignity of your profession; let your faith be simple, pure and strong, your hope grounded in good works and deeds, be illuminated by the glorious mysteries of the hereafter, and may Masonic charity prove as boundless as the wants of our fellow creatures. For one, I am proud to be a member of such an organization. Its record, past and present, is a present study and its future is bright with promise. No other society, except one, can be compared with it for its inherent power. As a purely moral organization it stands without a peer, and will continue to supply that inborn longing for companionship which all have felt and shall feel until the heavens and earth shall pass away and God shall call us into that eternal, perfect institution prepared from the foundations of the world.

And then farewell, Masonic band,
To consecrations, dedications, halls,
Each man a well wrought stone shall stand,
Made ready for the heavenly walls,
A pillar 'neath that mighty dome
Where children find a father's home.

Thursday, the 29th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Summer Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 24th April 1886:—

Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge, British Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday—Wanderers' Chapter, Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge. Thursday—Grenadiers' Lodge, Polish National Lodge, Jerusalem Lodge.

"FROM LABOUR."

WITH the coming of the swallows, and the bursting forth of Spring into fresh and verdant livery, arise also visions of pleasant days to be spent amidst flower-clad fields and sea-side recreations, where health and spirits may be recruited after a long period of labour, and by means of which renewed energies may be strung up for the recurring toils of everyday life. Eastertide comes this year later in the season than it has done for a century past, or can be for three centuries to follow, and one result has been that after an unusually severe winter, warm weather and bright skies are assured to all who have the means and inclination to keep holiday. Amidst the multitude of seductive attractions which allure the man in "populous city pent," the only perplexity is to choose the most enjoyable, compatible with the length of the purse, but at any rate none of us can complain that there is any dearth of choice or variety. The "fresh woods and pastures new" of the country-side, where hedgerows teem with wild flowers, and the boughs of trees are reverberent with the song of birds, are sure to attract thousands to their verdant and umbrageous shade; for there it is the "heart of Nature" is heard to blend in unison with the repose so eagerly sought after by those whose lot it is to be engulphed all the rest of the year in the vortex of business, and the intricate mazes of money-making. Painters have portrayed, and poets have sung, of the glorious solitude and the calm restfulness of those sequestered nooks and dells where "the wild thyme blows" and the meadows are dappled with the daisy and the butter-cup—where the underwood is lit up with the pale yellow of the primrose and the glowing azure of the wild hyacinth. More tempting, to many minds are the invigorating enjoyments ever to be found in their boundless variety on our coasts, where

The bridegroom sea is toying with the shore,
His wedded bride. He decks her tawny brow with shells—
Retires a pace to see how fair she looks,
And then runs up to kiss her;

Where white winged yachts skim like swans along the surface of the sea, where boating, and bathing, and a thousand and one delights are ever present both for young and old. Away, then, with dreary calculations as to depression of trade, Land Bills and Home Rule; let politics be consigned to the temporary limbo of forgotten things; and hie away to those favoured spots where health and spirits may be revived, the petty worries of life—at any rate for the time—be swallowed up in the all-pervading sentiment of "begone, dull care." In spite of all that may be said to the contrary, all sorts and conditions of men are now on the tiptoe of expectation of a holiday of some sort or other, and it is pleasant to feel that the nipping frosts and snow have disappeared before the advent of summer skies, and that so far as the ubiquitous Clerk of the Weather is concerned, he has put on a genial smile, as though to make amends for all the frowns with which he has favoured us since the last Bank Holiday. So far as Masonry is affected by this welcome change in the meteorological aspect of things, we are now bordering on the period when the brethren will "part upon the square" for a more or less lengthened interval, when the implements of our profession will be laid aside, and when that respite after labour may look for well-deserved realisation. There are, indeed, agreeable anticipations of those summer excursions so dear, not only to those who have borne the brunt of the work of the session, but to the fair ones also who have learnt by experience the pleasantries in which, we will not say they are permitted to participate in Freemasonry, but to which they lend their sunny smiles and their graceful companionship. The Junior Warden will be in command in a majority of most of our Metropolitan Lodges for some months to come, and the brethren will enjoy a sense of that well-earned rest which follows all the more enjoyably upon a consciousness of duty well and wisely performed. Already we hear of preparations for these "outings" of the Craft, and there rise up before us recollections of merry meetings at which we have assisted in days of yore, in quiet sequestered nooks in the suburbs; on the "silvery" Thames, beyond the bustle and smoke of navigation; where the quiet angler follows the "gentle art," without fear of his serenity being disturbed by the invading steam launch or boisterous 'Arry; and where the amenities of social intercourse usurp

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the place of the dry monotony of work. It would be idle to deny that such an interregnum produces a most wholesome and exhilarating effect on every mind and body. Whether it is in the transient pleasure of friends meeting friends in "jolliest amity" for a single day, or a more prolonged excursion further afield, the reaction is proportionately beneficial in every sense of the term. Not only are old friendships renewed and cemented, and fresh and lasting acquaintanceships created, but the rough angles which may possibly have formed, like knobs and excrescences, on the perfect ashlars of our fraternal relations are rubbed off; and whilst congratulations are exchanged upon the continued prosperity of our Order and the harmony that is apparent amongst all sections of it, many little matters that might have ruffled the surface of that accord which should ever pervade our Lodge affairs, are set straight and relegated to their proper sphere of oblivion. It has been our duty and pleasure, since last we wrote upon the subject, to record the steady progress and prosperity of the Craft generally, the sustained liberality of the brethren in the cause of Charity, and the maintenance of all those great and glorious principles which lie at the very foundation of our Brotherhood. In view of another recess, which is dawning upon us, we offer our sincerest wishes that those who contemplate the many enjoyments of the holiday season; may they realize to the full the anticipations they may be forming, and that they may return, when the gavel shall summon them to renewed labour, with physical powers recruited, and hearts refilled with those genuine impulses which flow from a sincere and active study of the tenets of Freemasonry. Our country friends, to whom such changes bring no such acute appreciation perhaps as is felt by "men in town," will doubtless find other means of variety and relaxation. Probably they may wend their ways City-ward, and whilst seeing the "sights o' town" supply the places of those who have winged away to fairer scenes, where the din and bustle of City life is silenced, and replaced by the soft whispering of forest leaves, and the cadences of the "sad sea waves." To each and all we cordially wish a "happy time," and as we welcome our Provincial brethren with every hearty good wish as they appear in our midst, so also we send with our town friends the same fraternal greetings on their various ways, wherever they may be scattered o'er land or water, with the hope that each and all may return to their respective spheres of labour after the rest and refreshment they may have experienced by the holiday season which is now dawning so auspiciously upon them all.

THE MASONIC PEARLS, AND ANTI-MASONIC SWINE.

THAT Freemasonry is the happy possessor of pearls, no one who is at all familiar with it will deny. All Freemasons know it, and also not a few non-Masons, who have paid any attention to our literature. It possesses pearls of thought—some of the loftiest thoughts known to the ages—pearls of moral teaching, and pearls of social and convivial companionship. One pearl of thought is the doctrine of the immortality of the soul; one pearl of morality is obedience to the One living and true God, and to the obligations of the Craft; and one pearl of fraternal practice is the enjoyment incident to the period of Masonic Refreshment. We might instance many others, but these are sufficient for our purpose. Indeed, Masonry is a crown of pearls, some of which are of priceless value.

It is quite as easy to prove that anti-Masons are comparable to swine, as that the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry are comparable to pearls,—although it may be a little unfair to the swine to compare anti-Masons to them. Anti-Masons are as blind as bats to truth, as intolerant as Roman inquisitors to what they do not understand, as drivelling as idiots concerning the mysteries of Masonry, as stilted in their pride as Lucifer, pretenders in religion, and with nothing consecrated about them, unless it be a consecrated stupidity. Such are the biped swine of our era—anti-Masons, and of course we do not cast our pearls before them. Nor do we cast our pearls before any of the *profane*. We do not invite non-Masons to join us. We do not, or should not, set up anything that partakes of the character of a Masonic show, and ask the public to admire it, and in effect say, if they like it, to send in their petitions for membership. No, the genius of Masonry is opposed to all this. It is a secret society. Its pearls are for its initiates only, certainly not for its enemies, nor even for those who are indifferent to its merits. Here we may enunciate an important principle, which goes to explain why it is that Masonic pearls are not scattered broadcast over the earth.

There always has been an aristocracy in truth. The highest truths have never been made clear to the ignorant, the degraded, the despisers of the good, the true and the beautiful. Consider a few striking examples of this fact. To whom did Jehovah commit the divine truths of the Old Testament? To the world at large? No, not even to half the world, but only to a small fraction of it—to the seed of Abraham, to His chosen people, the Hebrews. In the highest civilisations of elder time a kindred rule prevailed. In Egypt, in India, and in Greece, truth was the prerogative of the best classes. The initiates in the Mysteries of Osiris in Egypt, and in the Mysteries of Eleusis in Greece, belonged to the intellectual aristocracy of their time. The vulgar herd might worship stocks and stones, animals and reptiles, the sun, moon and stars, Jupiter, Apollo and Mars, but those who could appreciate the truth and be trusted with it, worshipped the One only living and true God, and acknowledged their faith in the immortality of the soul. These were secret or esoteric doctrines with them, which might not be openly avowed, lest they should be contemned—they were pearls, that might not be cast before swine. The Mysteries were a prudential veil, that concealed from the vulgar crowd the truths which they could not comprehend, and would only treat with ignorant disdain. Even cosmopolitan Christianity came first to the Jews, and afterwards to the Gentiles, and to the more ignorant of these it is still foolishness. The bulk of the populace of China to-day are justly denominated heathen, with their joss houses and degrading practices; but the earliest missionaries to China from the West soon discovered that "the higher class despised the idolatory of the vulgar." One of the charges made by the Greeks against the early Christians was, "their teaching the worship of one God to the *common people*." The Founder of Christianity Himself almost always exhibited a prudential, mysterious reserve. When He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, cured the impotent and raised the dead, "He gave the strongest injunctions of secrecy which, nevertheless, the active zeal of His partizans seems by no means to have regarded." Baptism was, and is still, the initiatory ceremony which introduces the Christian candidate into the Christian Mysteries, and for several centuries after Christ the central truths of Christianity were taught exclusively in secret, and only to baptised iniates.

Freemasonry is not at all peculiar in dividing mankind into Freemasons and *profanes*, and reserving its pearls for those who value them. The Jews divided mankind into Jews and Greeks. The Greeks divided them into Greeks and Barbarians. In this respect we are not innovators, although we are often charged with vain glory and despising others. We despise no one. We do glory in our system of truth, in our impressive symbolism, in our active charity. If we enjoy ourselves and do good to others, why should we be made the subjects of invidious criticism and slanderous detraction? Why should the merchant who has goodly pearls with which to freely reward his friends, be lampooned as a deceiver? But remember, these filthy detractors are only swine, men who go nosing around the world stirring up the mud of untruth, and flinging it over others better than themselves. Right sure are we of this, that our enemies will discover no pearls, for they are not cast before swine. Pearls are ornaments of great price; pearls beautify and adorn, but who ever saw one in a sow's ear? Masonic truth, like all truth, is powerful and will prevail, in spite of the puny efforts of anti-Masons—the *profanum vulgus* of their time. —*Keystone.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Soldiers and Sailors.—These well-known and easily used remedies are especially serviceable and convenient for those who, like soldiers and sailors, are exposed to great changes of climate, and the hardships inseparable from their calling. Many of the diseases engendered in the system from these and other untoward causes can be checked and controlled by attention at their onset, and in Holloway's remedies will be found a ready means of relief, without hindrance from duty. Many a man is invalided, and rendered more or less a burden to himself and friends, from neglect of the early symptoms of his complaint, which calamity might be averted by timely resort to the use of Holloway's Pills and Ointment.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 13th instant, at the Criterion. There were present Bros. C. Dopson W.M., H. W. Blake S.W., Doncaster J.W., G. Butt P.M., J. Tuck Sec., Copestone S.D., Lucas J.D., Craggs I.G., A. Williams D.C., H. D. Williams and W. W. Williams Stewards, Sims I.P.M., P.M.'s Slack, Fisher, Barker, Shaw, Purdue. Visitors—Bros. F. Botley 1996, Fletcher P.M. 180, Fry 1692, E. Van Pulton 1601, E. Austin 1791, E. B. Cox 1563, C. Pearce 173, W. H. Bolt 1568, Smyth 1231, Ellis 66, Madell 1201, Coffin 107, and about forty members of the Lodge. The brethren whilst in the Lodge experienced a great treat in the very able working of the I.P.M., not only in the three degrees, but in the manner in which he delivered the addresses as Installing Master. The duties of D.C. were carried out by Bro. Purdue. The prosperity of the Lodge was shown by the large balance in hand, and a Secretary's jewel was voted to Bro. Tuck for the able manner in which he had carried out his arduous duties for some years. After the presentation in open Lodge of a beautiful P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., the brethren retired to the Victoria Room, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet. The hour being late, the usual toasts were necessarily curtailed. However, a most delightful evening was spent, contributed to by the harmony of several distinguished brethren.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Monday, the 12th inst. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.S.W., who was supported by Bros. Sir F. G. Milner Bart. I.P.M. P.G.S.W., C. G. Padel P.M. P.P.G.O., G. Simpson Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant, J. T. Seller P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., W. Brown S.W., James Kay Secretary, S. J. Dalton P.P.G. Steward S.D., W. Lockenby J.D., W. Storey Steward, J. D. Irony and P. Pearson Asst. Stewards, J. Hall Tyler, G. Lamb, W. Sharp, J. R. Jackson, W. Ream, H. Mennell, J. Mennell, R. M. Hayden, J. Thorpe, W. T. Nance, W. Wrigglesworth, W. B. Dyson, J. W. Blenkin, T. Masterman, and the following Visitors—Bros. B. Polkinghorne W.M. 1991, E. Harding W.M. elect 1991, J. H. Taylor 1991, K. G. Campbell 1991, A. M. White 1991, M. Bryson 236, W. G. Fricker 322, R. S. Robinson 123, E. W. Brewer 1536, W. Quickfall 1884 P.P.G.O. Isle of Wight, and others. The Lodge having been opened, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate, after which the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Whytehead raised Bros. Mennell and Hayden. Bros. Hewday and Coates were passed. The lecture on the tracing board in the second degree was given by Bro. W. B. Dyson. Bro. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Brother G. Chapman Junior Warden, a very handsome mahogany book-case, with a glass front, which had been placed in a recess in the smoke room, and in which the Masonic medals and other curiosities belonging to the Lodge had been placed. Also on behalf of Bro. Simpson P.M., and Bro. R. Ware, two volumes for the Lodge library. A vote of sympathy was also passed with Bro. W. Stephenson I.G., who was dangerously ill, and the Secretary was instructed to write to him conveying the good wishes of the brethren. On the motion of the Treasurer, a sum of £25 was voted from the Lodge funds to the Building Fund. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the smoke room, and a most harmonious evening was passed, the usual toasts being honoured, while songs were contributed by Bros. F. Milner, T. B. Whytehead, H. Mennell, J. Mennell, W. B. Dyson, W. G. Fricker, and others.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 7th inst., at the St. James's Hall, Piccadilly. Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani W.M. was supported by his Officers and the following Visitors:—Bros. Ramsay P.M. 259, Collins I.P.M. 776, Coombes P.M. 12, Renard 1387, Grostephen 348, Boher 1743, Heild W.M. 704, Rayner 1681, G. Reynolds S.D. 1614, H. Roberts 1044, G. Ronchette 1287, P. Silo 1808, Cooper 1426. Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, there was an ample amount of business to be gone through, consisting of one raising and two initiations, one of the latter being the son of the Worshipful Master. The ballot for each of them was unanimous. The first business was the raising of Bro. Edwards, who upon examination proved himself very proficient in the progress he had made in the science. He was then, in a most impressive and solemn manner, raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Messrs. Leon Valeriani and M. Alexander Jules Martinne were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, both ceremonies being rendered by the Worshipful Master in a faultless style, and during the conferring of this important rite he displayed considerable feeling, as one of the initiates was his son. The next business was the election of W.M., Treasurer, Auditors, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Brother Green was elected W.M. for that period, Bro. J. Bastin as Treasurer, and Bro. R. Potter P.M. Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, with collar and jewel, were unanimously voted to Bro. Valeriani W.M., in recognition of the devoted services he had rendered to the Rothesay Lodge and to Freemasonry in general during his year of office, upon which he received the congratulations of the entire body of brethren present. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a splendid repast was served by Bro. Roberts, and during the time so occupied some choice music was given by Italian artists, which added great zest and pleasure to the brethren, and contributed much to the enjoyment of the good things set before them. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which Bro. Ramsay Past Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in a telling and spirited address, returned thanks on the part of H.R.H. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Immediate Past Master said, for the last time, in accordance with his position, he had to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. All the brethren knew the interest he had taken in the Rothesay Lodge, and the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair that evening, and, more especially, the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation. It was a matter of rare occurrence in a Lodge that a father initiated his own son into the mysteries of Freemasonry, but he felt sure the brethren would agree with him when he said they had seldom, if ever, seen that Rite conferred more impressively, or with more Masonic and manly feeling. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind expressions which had fallen from his lips, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received by them. He could assure the brethren of the Rothesay Lodge that he would do all in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge in particular, and to Freemasonry in general. It should also be his care to attend those grand Institutions of Freemasonry, the Royal Masonic Charities. It was his great pleasure that night to have to propose the health of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. F. V. Green, the son of their worthy Immediate Past Master. He wished him health and success, and trusted he would fulfil the duties of the Rothesay Lodge in the same admirable way in which his father had done before him; he (the W.M.) would promise to render him all the assistance in his power. The W.M. elect in reply, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health; he could assure the brethren that he would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the W.M., and also of the I.P.M. He trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper when he should have the privilege of occupying the chair. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the initiates, said the toast he was then about to propose always afforded any Worshipful Master a great amount of pleasure; he especially felt it so under the existing circumstances, as one of the initiates was his eldest son, and he must ask their indulgence whilst addressing a few words to him. He said—"Leon, having brought you into the world, in which I have always tried to do my utmost to earn and deserve the respect of my fellow-creatures, I now have the pleasure of introducing you into the Masonic world, and I hope that you will become a shining light and a useful member of the Fraternity. You will on this evening see what work and perseverance was really necessary for obtaining my present high position. In making you a brother, consider it a proof of my affection for you. I entrust into your keeping the fruits of my labour; and I having been able to accomplish so much, how very much easier will it be for you, who have such advantages. You need not be afraid of wanting good advice, as in all cases of difficulty the brethren of your new family will at all times be willing to render you assistance. My advice to you is, work hard and persevere, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. spare me to see you attain my present position as W.M. of the Rothesay Lodge. I sincerely trust you will never do anything to disgrace the Craft, but, on the contrary, will do your utmost to be an honour to it, and to this Lodge in particular. Brethren, I ask you to drink heartily to the health of the initiates," a request which was cordially responded to. The initiates, in reply, said they would endeavour to do all they could, and become a credit to the Craft. The words of the Worshipful Master would urge them on to greater diligence. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Visitors, and said the Rothesay Lodge was pleased to see them. He trusted they had had a pleasant evening and been happy. They had not a large gathering, but they were brethren well known to them all. He would call on Bros. Collins I.P.M. 776, J. Rayner 1681, and G. Reynolds S.D. 1614 to respond. Bro. Collins said it gave him much pleasure to be amongst them. He could say that he had spent an enjoyable evening, and was glad to be with them again, not only for the sake of seeing old faces, but to admire the impressive work of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Rayner said it also afforded him much pleasure to be with them. The name of St. James brought back to his memory youthful times, as he was born in the parish. He could not help admiring the working of the W.M.; and, while speaking, he would give invitations to his own Lodge (the Londesborough) to the P.M., the I.P.M., and incoming Master. Bro. J. Reynolds said that, as Secretary to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, which met every Thursday evening at the Criterion, Piccadilly, he had had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of their worthy W.M. He was a true and hard worker, and the brethren of the Rothesay Lodge must be proud of such a Master. In his eyes there was light, and in his face happiness, which he communicated to others. He had visited many Lodges, and seen many initiations, but had never heard such an impressive and manly speech as had fallen from the lips of their W.M. that evening. He should have been sorry to have missed the address, which was most touching and impressive, and, in conclusion, said he wished the Rothesay Lodge every success. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, spoke of the great assistance he had received from them during his year of office. He knew they had the interests of the Lodge at heart, and would do all in their power for its benefit. It was a singular coincidence that the son of their Immediate Past Master Bro. Green should have been elected that evening to succeed him, at the same time as he initiated his eldest son. It would be well remembered in the Rothesay Lodge. Bro. Green I.P.M. assured the brethren that nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the welfare of the Rothesay Lodge. He only hoped that the W.M. elect would have a successful year of office. Bro. J. Darter P.M. W.S. hoped the brethren had spent a

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pleasant evening, and that their comforts had been well attended to. The Worshipful Master might always rely on the assistance of the Past Masters. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very enjoyable evening, several of the brethren contributing songs and recitations, and one performed some beautiful music on the mandolin.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THE election meeting for the ensuing year was held on Saturday, the 10th April, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, when the brethren of the Lodge mustered in considerable force to transact their business, which consisted of the passing of Bros. Broad and Timms, and the raising of Bros. Wainwright and Gossham. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. L. A. Leins P.M. P.Z. took the chair, and conducted the business in a most perfect and impressive manner. After the ceremonial part of the work was over, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler took place. The election of W.M. was unanimous in favour of Bro. Reed, the Senior Warden, while Bro. Leins was again chosen for Treasurer, and Bro. Payne re-elected as Tyler. After an Audit Committee had been appointed, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and adjourned. As this was a ladies' banquet, the brethren hastened to receive their fair friends, and conduct them to the banqueting hall, which was most beautifully decorated by Bro. Begbie, the manager of the hotel. After the banquet was over, the W.M. in the chair proposed the first toast—the Queen and the Craft. Bro. Leins suggested that the ladies would like to take part in a dance; he would therefore make the speeches in reference to the toasts as brief as possible. In order to assist in this, he would take the three in one; he therefore proposed loyalty to the throne and fidelity to the Craft. On again rising, Bro. Leins said he had now to propose the toast of the evening—the health of the ladies. He was very pleased to see the Lodge honoured by the presence of so many. Undoubtedly, this was a very successful gathering; they numbered over eighty. Bro. Leins continued; the ladies would like to know something of our Masonic secrets, and he was only too glad to be able to tell them. He could not agree with those brethren who were signifying their dissent; he felt perfectly at liberty to enlighten the ladies as to the grand Masonic secret,—that was Charity. Only a month since Grand Lodge paid away the sum of £1630, viz., 200 guineas to the unemployed of London, sums of £75 and £50 respectively to orphan daughters of Freemasons, £75 and several £50's to widows of Freemasons, and £150, £75, and several £50's to Masons in distressed circumstances. Furthermore, we have our Girls' School and Boys' School, and our Institution for Old People. To these Institutions collectively every year is subscribed from forty to fifty thousand pounds. Undoubtedly this may be considered our grandest Masonic secret. He might therefore venture to say to the ladies that, should any of their husbands be called to their Masonic duties—where, he could assure them, they had to work hard—they would consent to their going with all good wishes. Of course, we have some black sheep amongst us, but why should the whole body suffer for the sake of a few? When we find we can do no good by bringing such around us, we have no alternative but to let them have their own way. Bro. Leins concluded a capital speech by again thanking the ladies for doing the Lodge the honour of visiting them on this occasion, and calling on the brethren to drink the health of the ladies, and associating with the toast the name of Bro. Chamberlayne, who he would ask to respond. Bro. Eade proposed the health of the acting W.M. He did so with a great deal of pleasure. No brother of the Lodge was more respected than Bro. Leins. He is always ready to give a helping hand whenever called upon. He is the father of the Lodge, and Treasurer, and he always tries to make the brethren happy and comfortable. His fifty-second birthday was celebrated yesterday, and he (Bro. Eade) would now ask the brethren to be upstanding and drink, not only to the health of the W.M., but also to wish him many happy returns of his birthday. Bro. Leins, who was received with a hearty good cheer, said he had great pleasure in rising to respond to the toast so courteously given by the I.P.M. Bro. Eade, and responded to so heartily by the brethren. It was a pleasure to him to see they were really so united a body, and worked so peacefully and so happily together. He wished he might be spared for many years to be with them, and to note the same good feeling as was exhibited now. The next toast was the health of the W.M. elect. Bro. Leins said that no brother was more liked or respected in the Lodge of Perseverance than Bro. Reed; he would unquestionably make a thorough good Master. Bro. Reed thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast; he would do all in his power to give the brethren satisfaction. The Visitors were next complimented, and the toast was responded to by Bro. Mason, and a gentleman who said he hoped he should shortly be allowed the opportunity of joining the Order. Bro. Leins then thanked the ladies very heartily for giving the Lodge the honour of their attendance. He hoped he might see them again next year. Dancing was now the order of the course, and this was most cheerfully kept up till nearly twelve o'clock. The evening's enjoyment was completed with the greatest satisfaction and happiness.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—Held at The Criterion, Piccadilly, W. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed on Thursday evening, 13th May, at seven o'clock precisely, by Bro. Jas. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Dress—full Craft regalia. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, there will be a supper. Brethren desirous of having tickets can obtain the same of Bro. G. P. Bertini, The Criterion, Piccadilly, or of Bros. W. C. Smith S.W. 1563 Preceptor, 9 Mill Street, Hanover Square, W.; G. Reynolds S.D. 1614 Treasurer and Secretary, 3 St. James's Square, Pall Mall, S.W.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Baker Bros., the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Richardson W.M., Fluck S.W., Clark J.W., Collingridge Sec., Potter S.D., Hancock J.D., Keogh I.G., Forge W.M. elect 1693 Deputy Preceptor. Past Masters Bros. Western 1693, Weeden W.M. 1693. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White acting as candidate. Bro. Turner answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. The Percy Lodge have accepted an invitation to visit this Lodge and work some of the sections, on Monday, 17th May. We trust all members of the Lodge that can make it convenient will attend. Bro. Geo. W. F. Back, Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, was elected a member. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till 3rd May.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No 2012. — At the meeting held on Saturday, 17th instant, at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, there were present:—Bros. J. H. Wood W.M., A. Williams S.W., J. Dobson J.W., Geo. Gardner Treas., Johnson P.M. Secretary, A. Craigs S.D., W. W. Williams J.D., H. F. Williams M.C., E. Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Purdue P.M., Simms P.M., Bros. W. Harrison, W. Thornton, V. Wing, Rowling, Smither. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thornton candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wing candidate. Bro. S.W. was duly elected to fill the chair of K.S. at the next meeting.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Chapter was held on the 6th inst., at York. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. presided, supported by Comps. M. Millington H., J. Blenkin J., Brown P.S., J. Kay S.E., G. Chapman S.N., Dalton, Lackenby, Ware, and several other Companions. None of the Companions having presented themselves, the acting M.E.Z. gave the mystical section, and the Chapter was closed, the members adjourning to an excellent supper, after which a pleasant and social evening was spent

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

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EBORACUM CONCLAVE, No. 137.

THE annual meeting of this body was held on the 1st inst., at York, Brother W. B. Dyson, M.P.S. presided, supported by his Officers and brethren. Bro. Harry V. Millbank 123 was advanced to the Order, after which the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.S., who installed Bro. William Brown as M.P.S., and Bro. G. Balmford as V.E. The Officers were then appointed, and the St. Peters Commandery of St. John having been opened, Bro. W. Brown was admitted to the Order and enthroned as Commander by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. After the close of the ceremonies the brethren, to the number of 12, met at supper and passed a pleasant evening.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

THE annual meeting of this body took place a few days ago at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when Bro. T. B. Whytehead P. presided, in the absence of the E. Preceptor through illness, and installed Bro. Christopher Palliser as Eminent Preceptor. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. W. Brown Constable, W. H. Cowper Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Registrar and Treasurer, Rev. W. Valentine Chaplain, A. H. H. McGachen First Herald, J. T. Belk Second Herald, W. B. Dyson Vexillum Belli, M. F. W. Williamson Beauceant, Augustus Harris Sword Bearer, W. Watson Captain of Guards, and P. Pearson O.G. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P., whose retirement was announced, was elected an honorary member of the Preceptory.

Crystal Palace.—The choral rehearsals for the colossal performance of Gounod's "Redemption," on Saturday, 1st May, have commenced; and the first, that of the London contingent of the Handel Festival Choir, numbering nearly 2 000 voices, which took place at Exeter Hall, fully bore out the freely expressed anticipation that in M. Gounod's Oratorio we have a welcome addition to those works, few in number, which are suitable for reproduction on a gigantic scale. The massive breadth of the choruses and the great unisonal effects at the rehearsal in question, even without the rich orchestral accompaniments, gave promise of a splendid result on the day above named. As before announced, the solo vocal parts will be sustained by Madame Albani, Miss Annie Marriott, Madame Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. F. King, and Mr. Santley; while the band and chorus will total about 3,500 performers; Mr. August Manns conducting.

DEATH.

GREENWOOD.—On the 16th instant, at Highgate Road, N.W., Lilla, wife of Bro. Charles Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer, D.P.G.M. Surrey.

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THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am always open to correction, and to acknowledge any errors that I may have inadvertently committed in endeavouring to advance the interests of our Institutions. I am extremely pleased to learn from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Lincolnshire that his Province has contributed more than appears in the Annual Reports of the several Festivals from which I have taken my figures. In 1879 Lincolnshire is reported to have given to the Benevolent Institution £68 14s 6d; in 1880 nil, 1881 nil, 1882 nil, 1883 nil, 1884 nil, and 1885 £89 15s—in all £158 9s 6d; to the Boys in 1879 £64 1s, 1880 £44 12s, 1881 nil, 1882 nil, 1883 nil, 1884 £52 10s, 1885 nil—£161 3s; to the Girls in 1879 £21, 1880 £73 10s, and none since—£94 10s. So that from my data I was right. As to the Oliver Memorial Boys I acknowledge an error here; but supposing both the boys to have entered at the age of eleven only, there is still, a year a piece at £45 each to add to the cost. As to the extra girl, all know that in October 1885 there were three on the strength besides Bellamy, whose time expired in the previous month, and two were elected, viz., Smith and Benthill; and that Ashton's time is not up till June 1887, Crow's till September 1887, and Hildred's till November 1889; but even allowing that my figures are all wrong, and that Bro. Vickers' are right, I do not hesitate to say that an annual deficiency of £430 is not to the credit of the Province. My good brother says, "The Province has voting power for which it has paid; is it not at liberty to use it for securing the object for which votes are required?" Why, certainly it is. But let us find out as near as we can what the voting power is by which it manages to secure the return of one or more candidates when put forward, and I take my data from the subscribers' books to the Boys and Girls for the year 1885, not having those of 1886 by me; the Benevolent book being compiled in a different method it would take up too much time to pick them out individually. Now the subscribers' list for the Boys gives to Lincolnshire 343 life votes and 39 annual, and to the Girls 275 life and 21 annual votes; and taking the Benevolent list to be as much as these two put together, I need hardly put the question how far those numbers would go to secure the election of one candidate to each Institution per annum? And it is rare indeed but that there is one or more for each. Therefore, to the second question,—Is the Province in possession of benefits from the Masonic Institutions to which it is not entitled? I say no, for it has a perfect right to use its own votes, and all it can beg or borrow from its neighbours; but at the same time it does not exonerate the Province from the obligation due to its neighbours, and is all the more reason for its putting its shoulder to the wheel and lessening the obligation. That Provincial Institutions are excellent things nobody will deny, and again I say, the Province ought to be just to the old ove. Although she is on to a new, she ought to be just before she s generous, and that if she cannot do her duty to the Central, how s she to do it to both Central and Provincial Institutions?

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Certain events of recent occurrence in relation to the abuse of the ballot for introduction of initiates into Freemasonry have afforded reasonable grounds in the minds of many brethren for desiring the intervention of high Masonic authority to prevent the continuance and increase of what is rapidly becoming a most injurious scandal in connection with the Order.

I allude more particularly to the discredit which falls upon the innocent victim of cliquism and want of harmony in Lodge, who seeks to join our ancient institution in the only manner prescribed, and also to the unmanly and un-English, not to say un-Masonic, action of those who, by indiscriminate black-balling, vent, through the medium of a perfectly upright and honourable candidate, their petty spite upon those members of their Lodge with whom they disagree.

Instituted as a safeguard to our privileges, and affording the opportunity, without exposure, for the rejection of such as may be known to be objectionable or undesirable candidates, the utility of the ballot when honestly, and therefore properly, applied cannot be contested; but when the first principles which should guide and direct its exercise are wantonly set aside, and the opportunities it affords are made to subserve and become available for purposes of factious opposition, without regard to the injury done to individual character and social position, it is high time that that which is sometimes characterised as "nobody's business" should engage the attention of all right thinking Freemasons.

Amongst many sad experiences of the evil I refer to I have met with none so strongly pointing out the necessity for authoritative notice as that I shall now endeavour to relate.

Within the past week I was honoured by an invite to a Lodge in Kent, specially summoned as an emergency meeting, for the purpose of balloting for, and, if elected, initiating a gentleman of undoubted "good report," and holding a position of considerable social importance in a fashionable watering place in Sussex. He had selected the Lodge in question for the reason that a very intimate friend for many years, who is the Secretary of the Lodge, would be his most appropriate proposer, to whom alone his antecedents and present qualifications were known. His seconder was the W.M. of the Lodge, who had a less extensive knowledge of his individual merit, but a sufficient assurance of his fitness for candidature. He had been proposed at the previous regular Lodge meeting, and all then present expressed satisfaction with the anticipated introduction of a worthy man and talented musical companion. Not doubting of acceptance he attended as requested, at the cost of time and travel; *but only to be refused!*

And why? It appears that some offence had been given to one or more Past Masters of the Lodge, as far as I could understand, by the election, under circumstances which justly warranted the choice of the brethren, of the present W.M., and by the appointment of the present Officers; that, thereupon, the W.M. had been informed that his ruling and actions in the Lodge would not be supported; and that as a matter of fact none of the objecting brethren had attended the Lodge since the last installation meeting. But they put in an appearance at this "emergency," and their intention was soon made apparent. Without the slightest attempt to interfere with the privacy of the ballot, the W.M. and his Officers and members knew at once from whom opposition to their wishes might be expected. It was known also that no one of the malcontents had *any personal knowledge of the candidate*, and could not be influenced by objections to moral character or social position. As they had not been present at the former meeting when the qualities of the candidate had been stated by his proposer, the W.M., before taking the ballot, and for the information of all then present, required the proposer to repeat what he had previously stated, and then positively solicited any members entertaining objection to give him, in the confidence of the tyled Lodge, the slightest hint thereof, that withdrawal of the candidature might in such case ensue, and the discredit of formal refusal avoided. There being no response to this very courteous and reasonable application, the ballot was taken, and the four expected "pills" were deposited. Nothing, therefore, was left the W.M. but to close his Lodge, and this was done in sorrowful regret that "peace and harmony" had been so ruthlessly disturbed.

Now, can such conduct as this be permitted to pass without authoritative notice? Assuredly not! The "good and welfare of Freemasonry in general," the best interests of individual Lodges in particular, are jeopardised by such grave disturbance of the genuine tenets and principles of the Order. And more than that, a great wrong is put upon men of reputation and intelligence, upon those whom we should seek to attract towards, and not repel from, our Institution. Of the minor wrong done by those misguided brethren to whom I refer, by putting their Lodge companions to the expensive attendance at a meeting so far distant from London, and which they intended to make abortive, not much notice need be taken; but on the general principle that there is "no wrong without a remedy," it may be hoped that measures may be promoted which will effectually prevent repetitions of such scandalous "abuse of the ballot."

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 20th April 1886.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO.

THE Proceedings of the eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of New Mexico, held under the banner of the Chapman Lodge, in the City of Las Vegas, has just been issued, and from it we observe that the representatives of a large number of Lodges met under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master Bro. Cornelius Bennett, who was supported by Bros. Max Frost Deputy G.M., Jas. T. McNamara G.S.W., A. McK. Whitcombe G.J.W., S. R. Biggs as G. Treas., A. E. Keene G. Sec., Rev. J. D. Busch G. Chaplain, J. Corbett G.S.D., C. N. Blackwell G.J.D., Dr. W. S. Harroun G. Marshal, J. S. Elston and C. F. Allen G. Stewards, W. T. Treverton G. Tyler, and others. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, and a Committee of Credentials appointed, the brethren were called to refreshment. At the afternoon session of the first day, the Committee on Credentials reported the names of P.G. Officers, Officers of Lodges, Past Officers of Lodges, and Grand representatives who were entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, in the course of a lengthy and eloquent address, observed that during the past year peace had reigned, and the Craft seemed to have been actuated by that zeal and emulation so necessary to its prosperity. So mote it ever be; for strife and discord should have no place among the builders. There were three things which he deemed of great importance to the welfare of the Fraternity, and to which he specially invited their attention, viz. (1), the careful and judicious selection of materials, in which matter it was his experience that they were not too careful. He added—"Committees of Investigation too often recommend a petitioner without due consideration, and thus unfit stones, those of which perfect ashlars can never be made, are placed in the walls of the Temple, only serving to mar its beauty and weaken its solidity. Too often the three great pillars are overtaxed to support and uphold it." (2). Examination of Visitors—remarking that impostors were often admitted within the sacred homes of the Craft through the lax and careless examination of

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Committees. A parrot-like examination should not satisfy a Committee; other means should be added—a receipt produced, or other written evidence would be good collateral. (3). Prompt collection of dues, to a want of which many Lodges owed their indebtedness. The G.M. appended to this part of his address the practical rider that "a prompt collection of dues, every three or six months, makes easy payment for the members, and small bills to meet." He suggested that to own their Masonic homes should be the ambition of all Lodges. It gave to any Lodge a great advantage, not only in the sense of feeling "it is our own," but also in a financial way. "No rent to pay!" How often this item of expense ate up the revenues of the Lodge, and how often Lodges became disheartened from this cause! Referring to the installation of Officers elect of the Mimbres Lodge, No. 10, Georgetown, he said—"The hall was crowded with earnest workers, and we enjoyed a most refreshing Masonic love-feast." In March he issued a dispensation for the organisation of a Lodge at San Marcial, the brethren of which deserved great credit for the fine and secure hall they had prepared, the regalia and paraphernalia, and, above all, for the skill they exhibited in the work. He predicted for this Lodge a brilliant future. The dedication and consecration of the new hall of the Deming Lodge, No. 12, he described as "a profitable and enjoyable occasion." Several answers that had been given to questions coming up to him for decision during the year were read; and the G.M. then related a peculiar case in which Masonic charity is extended. "Bro. Crouch died at Deming, leaving a wife and family in destitute circumstances, and a communication was received appealing for help in supporting them. It appeared that this brother was a delegate to the Convention at which this Grand Lodge was formed; was a member at the first session of the same, at which the law was enacted, 'that any unaffiliated Mason, remaining such for more than one year, should be debarred from all Masonic privileges.' Bro. Crouch was an unaffiliated Mason at the time of his death, and had been such for more than one year. Under the circumstances, I deemed it proper to address a letter to each Lodge in this jurisdiction, stating the case fully, and adding, 'If you deem this a case where Masonic charity should be extended, you may send to Bro. James M. Wilson W.M. of Deming Lodge, No. 12, such amount as you deem proper, with the assurance, on my part, that it will be carefully expended for the support of the family of our deceased brother, John S. Crouch.' I am happy to say that a liberal response was made to this appeal." In conclusion, he assured the brethren who exalted him to the position of Grand Master that what he had done in the Masonic vineyard had been done with an eye single to the welfare thereof. Errors might have been made, as "to err is human;" but, if so, they had been errors of the head, and not of the heart. The Report of the Grand Secretary was then presented, giving the returns and the annual dues of Lodges, recording the initiation of a "Library Improvement Fund," and other matters, and setting forth that the actual expenditure during the Masonic year just ended compared favourably with that of previous years, particularly when they took into consideration the utter absence, at the outset, of stationery, dispensations, charters, and the necessary articles of office furniture. At the second day's session various reports were received, dealing with accounts, ways and means, bye-laws, and returns of chartered Lodges within the jurisdiction, from the latter of which it was shown there had been an increase of 45 members during the year. Officers were elected, and the next Annual Communication was fixed for 22nd November next. A report was presented to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, after which several votes of thanks were passed, and a voluminous report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appended to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge. At the close of the proceedings, a banquet was given by the Chapman Lodge No. 2, at the Plaza Hotel, in honour of Grand Lodge and the new Grand Officers.

THE SYSTEMATIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THERE is a trite saying amongst Masons, and we often hear it reiterated, both in the Lodge-room and at the banquet-table, that Charity is doubly valuable when it is systematic, when the flow of benevolence is constant, and can at all times be depended upon. Of necessity, we must always look for a certain degree of fluctuation in all matters where pecuniary interests and charitable deeds are governed by changes of circumstances. Still, the importance of system as a principle can scarcely be overestimated. A cheering example of this is exemplified by the Tenth Annual Report of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which has just been forwarded to us, together with a list of the subscribers to the Treasurer's and Almoners' balance-sheets. The President of this organisation is Brother Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W. Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, who is assisted in the trusteeship by Bros. George Miller and James A. Birch; Brother G. P. Brockbank (of Bolton) as Treasurer, Bro. James Heelis (of Manchester) Hon. Sec., Bro. J. L. Hine (of Manchester) Chairman of the General Committee, and Bro. Chadwick (of Manchester) Secretary. With such a goodly array of names at the head of the administration, there is scarcely room for surprise that the beneficent scheme should continue in so healthy and satisfactory a condition, more especially as the active executive is warmly seconded by most of the Grand Officers of this important Province. After congratulating the donors and subscribers, brethren, Lodges, Chapters, and other associations, who have aided their funds during the year, the General Committee report that their proceedings have had a satisfactory result in every respect. The new bye-laws, which came into operation in September 1884, are found to work well, and in a manner that shows the value of the trouble, carefulness, and attention bestowed upon their compilation, as they now stand. It is confidently expected that they will be found to be more in accordance with the enlarged scheme of the Charity, and more suitable for the present circumstances of the gradually increasing business of the Institution. The donations and subscriptions during the year amounted to £923 10s 4d, and the income and interest account from investments to £272 6s 1d; making up a total income of £1,195 16s 5d. The total subscriptions and donations are thus subdivided—From Lodges and Chapters to the end of the year £544 19s 4d, from the St. Joseph Preceptory £5, and from private individuals £274 15s 6d. As a result of a Masonic ball held at Bury, an addition of £10 was made to the funds; while, as the proceeds of a sermon at Oldham, the substantial offertory of £30 was received, and thanks are tendered to Bro. Henry Thomas and many others of the brethren at Oldham and Bury. At Rochdale, Lodge 54 arranged an amateur dramatic performance, which resulted in an addition of £2 1s 6d, for which thanks are returned. A very successful amateur dramatic and operatic performance was given at Manchester, entitled "The Dragon of Wantley," under the auspices of Bros. J. R. Beard, Jas. MacLaren, and others, from which a balance of £26 9s was handed to the Treasurer. In addition to this, two dividends from the Brunswick Building Society was received, amounting together to £62 5s, and a new subscription of £5 has arisen from the Lodge of Instruction No. 581. The Committee add:—

"Another pleasing addition has also been made to our funds, in connected with a testimonial to our respected Bro. George Parker Brockbank, our present Treasurer, upon his recent appointment to the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England. Several of his friends and brethren, who had long admired his consistent Masonic career, determined to present him with a testimonial of their respect and congratulation. Upon consulting with him, it was arranged that, after providing for a simple but elegant service of silver plate for Mrs. Brockbank, the residue should be devoted to the various Masonic Charities, Metropolitan and Provincial, of which residue the sum of £26 5s was handed to this Institution. It will, no doubt, be considered that grateful thanks are due to Bro. Brockbank, whose personal wishes have earned us this donation."

The expenditure of the establishment was £124 2s 4d, somewhat in excess of last year; but this is in a measure accounted for by the grant to the Secretary of a gratuity for his valuable services and considerable personal trouble and attention in connection with the revision of the bye-laws, and attending numerous meetings incident thereto. This, and several other items of necessity, will of course not occur next year. The bank balance and balance in Treasurer's hands at the end of 1884 was £417 18s 2d; the amount at the present time is £569 15s 11d. In addition to this, during the year the sum of £500 has been permanently invested with the Corporation of Leicester. The grants for relief (besides the grants by the Almoners)

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were £112, for twelve cases, in amounts ranging from £5 to £20. The grants for education, being for 26 children on the books for the year, amounted altogether to £261 10s 9d; and the total sum expended by the Almoners in relief in small amounts was £54 1s 9d, covering 52 cases, extending from 2s 6d to £5. These figures give ample proof of the right of existence of such an Institution as this, and show its claims to continued support. A very good margin remains between the income and expenditure of the year, namely, a net gain of £651 17s 9d. In further aid of the established position of the society, it is proposed that a Festival shall be held during the current year, which it is hoped will result in a substantial addition to the fund. The report goes on to advocate an "active and kindly interest in the various Masonic Charities" as a means of relieving the routine of ordinary occupation, and observes that "a work like this, in which there is so little of formality, and so much to unite us in pursuit of our highest principles, must ever be a practical advancement of our Order, besides being a blessing to those who unfortunately have to crave our assistance." After acknowledging the support accorded by Lodges to the Society, the Committee tender their thanks to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the deep and ever-increasing interest with which he has all along supported this Charity, adding that, although every one in connection with it has worked with hearty assiduity, yet to him is mainly due the great and important results which, under his fostering care, have crowned all the efforts of the Committee with the cope-stone of success. In announcing the retirement of their hon. Secretary, who has served the office for ten years (besides his former similar position for a like period with the preceding Charity Institution), the Committee observe that, in retiring, he desires dutifully to thank the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and every member of the Institution "for the great forbearance, kindness, and brotherly courtesy which he has received at their hands, without any exception, upon any single occasion." In the Appendix to the Report are printed the forms of petition for admission to the Educational Institution, and for relief, the Lodge certificate, and the general form of Lodge recommendation. Extracts of the rules are followed by the Treasurer's and Almoners' balance-sheets, and a report of the annual general meeting of the society, held in Manchester in January last, when 54 out of the 94 Lodges of the Province were represented. Amongst the resolutions passed, after the usual votes of thanks had been accorded, was one to the effect that the Festival this year should "take the shape of a party given for the children whom we educate, and that they should be brought to the Masonic Hall and have a tea there, so that the Committee might see their adopted children." There is also an "In Memoriam" to deceased officers and life governors of the Charity, and a list of the donors and subscribers to the funds. The compilation is altogether a very interesting one, and is admirably printed in pamphlet form by Brother Andrew, of Manchester.

STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE fifteenth annual report of this valuable Institution has just been issued, and the Committee, in presenting an account of their Stewardship, are happily enabled to congratulate the Province upon the continued success of the Association. The objects of the organisation are divided into two parts—the "A" Fund being to increase the number of Life Subscribers and Life Governors to the Royal Masonic Charities; and "B" to form a systematic Benevolent Fund for the education and advancement in life of children of distressed or deceased Freemasons in the Province of Staffordshire, and to give assistance in elections to the Masonic Charities. Under the first of these headings the sum collected during the year was £665 13s, which, after providing for 20 who had right of election without ballot, will enable the Committee to ballot for 65 Life Subscriberships, absorbing £433 5s. Several Life Subscriberships, the results of Stewards' efforts at the several Festivals, had been received in full, and at once paid over by the Treasurer. Under the heading "B" the subscription to that Fund amounted to £106 19s, and grants have been paid during the year for the education of children while residing at their own homes, amounting to £48 0s 9d. Satisfaction is expressed that the Province has been represented by Stewards at each Festival during the past year; and special mention is made of the splendid lists taken up from the Abbey Lodge, No. 264, by Bros. W. H. Bailey P.M. and Sec. P.G. Registrar, and C. Graham P.M. P.P.G.W.; also from the Etruscan Lodge, No. 546, by Bro. A. G. Prince P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Bro. Bailey, who undertook the duty as Steward for the Boys' School in 1884, the Girls' and Boys' Schools in 1885, attended in a similar capacity to represent the Province at the Benevolent Festival last February. The payments to the London Institutions have been during the year:—to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £141 15s; to the Institution for Girls, £194 5s; and to the Boys, £359 2s; making up the very creditable total of £695 2s. Other amounts which had not passed through the hands of the officials of the local Association, but paid direct to London, make a grand total for the year of £753 18s, from the Province of Staffordshire. The work being done for the cause of Masonic Charity in the Province was recognised at the June meeting of Grand Lodge, when the Secretary, Bro. T. M. Humphries P.M. 539 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Walsall, was elected a member of the Management Committee for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Each election during the year had been attended by the Secretary, and that of the Boys in October last year by Bro. Turner, of Longton (one of the managers of Charity elections). Their efforts had been mainly to repay the heavy debt incurred in 1884, viz., 1,100 Boys' votes, 90 Aged votes, and 308 Widows' votes, which had been accomplished, and jointly with North Wales and Salop they had succeeded in electing to the Boys' School, viz.: F. W. Higgison, son of the late Bro. F. B. Higgison, of St. Peter's Lodge, 419, and of the St. John's Lodge, 601, Wellington (Salop). At the May election for Aged Freemasons, all arrangements had been made for securing the return of the late Bro. Hodgson, of Leek, but he died only a few days prior to the day of polling; hence some difficulty was found in placing the votes, which were ultimately loaned for re-payment in May next. There are now five boys, three girls, and two widows enjoying the benefits of the Institutions, and the amounts sent up since 1871 have gradually increased from five guineas in that year to £695 2s in 1885. A list of the members is followed by a summary of subscriptions, statement of votes received for the Masonic Institutions in 1885, and an abstract of the rules of the Association. We congratulate the Association upon the very satisfactory report they have submitted, and trust we may have a continuance of the efforts which have so long characterised the brethren of the good old Province of Staffordshire.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch for the Province of Essex will be held in the Library of Colchester Castle, on Monday, the 3rd day of May next, at half-past one o'clock p.m., when the attendance is required of the Provincial Grand Officers, with the Principals and Past Principals of the Chapters in the Province. All R.A. Masons are invited to be present. The Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened punctually at two o'clock, and a banquet will afterwards take place at the Red Lion Hotel, Colchester. Tickets, including wine and dessert, 10s 6d each.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of Worshipful Bro. S. C. Wakefield, Provincial Grand Steward Oxon, and W.M. of the Windrush Lodge, No 1703, to deliver his Lecture explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences," at the ensuing meeting of the Lodge, at Witney, Oxfordshire, on the 5th May. A large gathering of brethren from neighbouring Lodges is anticipated.

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In another column will be found a record of the death of the wife of Bro. Charles Greenwood, which sad event took place on Friday, the 16th instant, after a very brief illness. The loss of a partner who has for many years shared one's joys and troubles is at all times hard to bear; but in the case of Bro. Greenwood, who has been most devoted to his wife, and who himself is in very bad health at the present time, the bereavement is particularly severe. In offering him and the members of his family our sincere sympathy, we are but echoing a sentiment which will be felt by all who are acquainted with our beloved brother. A Mason more respected than Bro. Charles Greenwood it would be difficult to find. We trust strength may be given him in this his hour of affliction, and that he may find that solace which alone can sustain him. The members of his family, with whom he is surrounded, will, we are sure, do their best to comfort him, and we trust he may live for many years to enjoy the company and guide the steps of his sons and daughters.

The annual Festival of Grand Lodge and investiture of Grand Officers will take place on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master. The usual dinner will be served in the Freemasons' Tavern, at six o'clock, tickets for which may be obtained of the Grand Stewards at any time before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 27th inst.

The perusal of a specimen page of Bro. Lane's forthcoming work, "Masonic Records 1717-1886," enables us to express our hearty approval of the task on which he is engaged. His proposal is to give a list of all the Lodges at home or abroad warranted by the four Grand Lodges and the United Grand Lodge of England, with their dates of constitution, places of meeting, alterations in numbers, &c., exhibiting all the Lodges on the English Register for 1886, together with those previously on the roll, specially arranged in a tabular form, to shew at one view all the numbers taken by each Lodge during the successive enumerations to the present date; also particulars of all Lodges having special privileges, Centenary Jewel Warrants, &c. The tabular method of supplying this information adopted by Bro. Lane is at once distinct and complete, and should recommend his volume to all who take an interest in the history of the Lodges at present on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, or which have been erased or lapsed in years gone by. The work has been some years in preparation, and is expected to be ready during the summer of this year. It will contain about 300 pages of closely printed matter, and a reduced fac-simile of Pine's engraved list of Lodges, A.D. 1725 (as a frontispiece). As only a limited number will be printed, intending subscribers will oblige by sending their orders, without delay, to the author, or to Bro. W. J. Hughan, at Torquay.

Bro. Hy. Baldwin P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, asks us to notify that, notwithstanding the first regular meeting falling on Monday next (Bank Holiday), the Lodge will meet at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 6 p.m., as heretofore —for the purpose of raising a candidate (on behalf of the Lebanon Lodge), and for other routine business. There will not be a banquet on this occasion.

EASTER ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE holiday public will have no reason to complain of want of variety in the amusements which will be provided for them during Eastertide, for their name is legion. Probably the greatest difficulty will be to choose from among the plethora of good things set before them that which ensures the best value for the money expended. Considerable interest is being manifested in the re-production this evening (Saturday) of "Human Nature," at Drury Lane Theatre, in which Mr. Augustus Harris shares the composition with Mr. Henry Pettitt. The "national" theatre has been re-decorated since the withdrawal of the pantomime, which proved one of the most successful on record; and we have little doubt that the piece to be re-produced will enjoy another long and triumphant run. At the Lyceum, "Faust" will draw crowded houses during the week, and "The Lord Harry" is certain to do the same under Mr. Wilson Barrett's auspices at the Princess's. There will be no change at the Haymarket while "Jim the Penman" draws such goodly audiences; whilst "The Harbour Lights" at the Adelphi, and "My Sweetheart," at the Strand, are sure to attract good houses. At the Globe, "The Pickpocket" will be accompanied by "The Sins of the Father;" while "The Mikado" and "The Carp" will continue to hold their own at the Savoy. "Cupid" will "camp" at the Criterion, in company with "The Man with the Three Wives;" and the Prince's will still combat with its "Enemies." "Fedora" will occupy the boards at Her Majesty's, and the inimitable Toole, in "Going it," will play "Faust and Loose." At the Opera Comique, "On 'Change" will be continued, and "Sophia" will reign at the Vaudeville. The Gaiety will appear in "Borrowed Plumes," with "Jack Sheppard" as the great attraction, and visitors will find at St. James's the play of "Antoinette Rigaud." The story of "Lurline" will be enacted at the Avenue, and "Oliver" will "Gramble" amidst the redolence of "Wet Paint" at the Novelty; whilst "Hard Hearts" will be commenced on Monday at the Grand. The "Silver King" at the Surrey will vie with the "Silver Wedding" at the Standard, and the "Schoolmistress" will play her pretty pranks at the Court; and you may go "Round the World" at the Empire in Leicester-square. "East Lynne" is to be continued at the Imperial, and "Hoodman Blind" at the Britannia. Of the miscellaneous entertainments, of which there appear to be an endless variety, the Indian and Japanese Villages are sure to come in for a large share of attention; whilst of course thousands will be allured by the special programmes at the Crystal Palace, the Albert Palace, the Aquarium, the Alhambra, the Oxford, Canterbury, Royal, South London, and the minor music halls; the Moore and Burgess and Mohawk Minstrels, Madame Tussand's, and others—as the auctioneers say—too numerous to mention. Then there are trips by water to Rosherville Gardens and other places at which to "spend a happy day," and very naturally our open spaces at Epping Forest, Hampstead Heath, Peckham Rye, Blackheath, Greenwich Park, Kew, Richmond Park, &c., will each receive their quota of the holiday crowd who revel in the glories of "St. Lubbock's" Day. It is impossible to reckon up half the inducements which are offered by the railway Companies to various points of interest, but unquestionably the greatest strain upon their resources will be in connection with the great volunteer reviews at Dover, Portsmouth, and elsewhere, whilst great freights may be anticipated to the various seaside resorts and fashionable watering-places within easy hail of town. The only hope is that the millions who will turn out to enjoy themselves, according to their respective tastes, may be favoured with genial weather, so essential to all outdoor festivities, and that no meteorological influence will tend to mar the enjoyments of one of those days which are set apart especially for the delectation of the working and industrial classes of the country.

Crystal Palace.—The directors of the Crystal Palace Company, of which Bro. Major A. G. Dickson, the popular M.P. for Dover, is Chairman, have just issued their programme for the thirty-third season; and, from a perusal of its pages, we are content to accept their assurance that "no effort will be spared on the part of the management to utilise the experience of the past and the resources of the present and future, to make the coming year worthy of the best traditions of its predecessors." In spite of the many attractions that have sprung up since the big glass house at Sydenham was erected, and in spite of the competitive spirit that has been manifested in catering for the entertainment of the masses, the Crystal Palace abundantly maintains its hold upon the popular taste, the entertainments there presenting an extent and variety unsurpassed by any resort of its kind, either in London or out of it. Every conceivable means of enjoyable recreation, of a refined description, is here to be found, whether we take the colossal musical performances, of which the Handel Festivals have been examples of world-wide renown, the other high-class concerts which take place from time to time during the season, the illuminated out-door fêtes and great firework displays, fruit, flower, and other shows, dramatic performances, great popular fêtes, archery, cycling, and other sports, &c., thousand and one exhibitions of art, science, literature, music, practical engineering, and landscape gardening—all these afford scope for the instruction, edification, and amusement of the hundreds of thousands who visit the Palace during the season. This year's programme is not only equal to, but far in advance of, any of its predecessors, the opening of the summer season being celebrated by a performance, on the largest scale, of Gounod's oratorio, "The Redemption," which will be produced on Saturday, 1st May, with Madame Albani, Miss Annie Marriott, Madame Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. F. King, and Mr. Santley as soloists, a chorus of over 3,000 voices, and an orchestral band comprising several hundreds of instruments. The performance will be under the conductorship of Mr. August Manns. This will be followed by a series of high-class concerts, in which the most eminent of our artists will be engaged, and the pyrotechnic displays which allure such enormous crowds to the Palace grounds promise to be even of greater magnitude than heretofore, if such be possible, under the management of Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. An entirely new feature in the outdoor arrangements this year will be the Volunteer fête, the great army of our citizen soldiers never yet having devoted a day at the Palace to a gathering on behalf of its own best interests. The forthcoming fête will be in aid of the Volunteer Forces Benevolent Association, and will take place on Saturday, 29th May. Then there are the annual Police, Temperance, Catholic Total Abstinence, Foresters', Colonial and Indian, and other fetes (the last-named being especially to welcome the Indian and Colonial visitors who are expected to be present at the forthcoming Exhibition at South Kensington), an infinite variety of concerts and histrionic representations, sports and pastimes of every variety, balloon ascents, and miscellaneous entertainments, presenting a charm and variety enough to satiate even the most fastidious tastes. Of course, there will be all the surroundings of cricket, archery, lawn-tennis, and other outdoor pastimes so freely indulged in during the summer months; and we advise all those who are interested in these, as well as the other departments of this brilliant and judiciously-arranged programme, to lose no time in securing copies of the neat little handbook, from the Secretary of the Crystal Palace Company, Sydenham.

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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 APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
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.

1283—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
H.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 26th APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 27th APRIL.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
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)
763—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—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
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)
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.
1919—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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1269—St. Onslope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
M.M. 3—Keystone, Shield and Dagger, Lesdennall Street
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Tower-street, Deroy
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
318—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Bates Owen
1788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Turton, Town Hall, Paington
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maryenead
1669—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1696—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon

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. 109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 724—Grosvenor, Assembly-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, 28th APRIL.

GRAND FESTIVAL, 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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)
898—Temperance in the East, 8 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

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
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Dramatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
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
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, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
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. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 29th 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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)
1278—Burpett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, The Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Mason's 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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creation, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's 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)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Folkestone
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramongate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 30th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
788—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)

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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 9. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instructioy
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pirlico, 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.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 342—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street ,Newport, Monmouthshire

SATURDAY, 1st MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1496—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Kiliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

Old Warrants (K).

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"Athol," No. 317 in 1798, No. 402 at the "Union," No. 279 from 1832, and No. 229 from A.D. 1863. (Vide Hughan's "Masonic Register," 1878).

ZETLAND, Gr. M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and Loving Brethren.

Seal.

We, THOMAS DUNDAS, Earl of Zetland, *Baron Dundas*, Of Aske in the County of York, &c., &c.,

Grand Master,

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

Send Greeting:

Whereas, it appears by the Records of our GRAND LODGE that a Warrant of Constitution bearing date the 11th day of April 1798, was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorizing them to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Fort William, in the City of Calcutta, and Province of Bengal, and which was then registered in the Books of the GRAND LODGE, No. 317. And whereas by the union of the two GRAND LODGES on the 27th December 1813, the said Lodge became No. 402, and by the general alteration of the numbers in the year 1832 it became and is now registered in the GRAND LODGE Books, No. 279, and is now held at their own Private Room, at Fort William aforesaid, under the Title or Denomination of

The Lodge of "Humility and Fortitude."

No. 279.

And whereas the Brethren now composing the said Lodge have by their Memorial represented to us that their Warrant hath by some accident become much defaced and torn, and they have prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation. Now know ye that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said Request and from the confidence reposed in the Brethren do hereby grant this Our Warrant of Confirmation unto our Right Trusty and well-Beloved Brethren FREDERICK JENNINGS, W. Master, CHARLES HENTY, Senior Warden, JAMES GILES BOWERMAN, Junior Warden, JAMES BLACKBURN KNIGHT, WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, ROBERT TULLY BARHAM, WILLIAM HALL HOFF, ANDREW D'CRUZ, Junior, and other Brethren composing the said Lodge, authorizing and empowering them and their successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Fort William aforesaid at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear necessary and be regulated by their By-Laws in conformity with the general Laws of the Craft, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the ancient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And further at the Petition of the said Brethren, We do appoint the said FREDERICK JENNINGS to be the Master, the said CHARLES HENTY to be the Senior Warden, and the said JAMES GILES BOWERMAN to be the Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge under this Warrant of Confirmation and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his Office. And we do require you the said FREDERICK JENNINGS to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by Our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or Our Successors, Grand Masters, or by Our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to, or inconsistent with, the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or Our Successors, Grand Masters, or to the RIGHT HONORABLE FOX MAULE, Baron Panmure of Brechin and Navar County Forfar, K.T., G.C.B., &c., &c., &c., Our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year, a List of the Members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable thereon.

It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Confirmation shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said FREDERICK JENNINGS are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge a London, this 18th August A.L. 5859, A.D. 1859.

By command of the M.W. GRAND MASTER,

(Sd.) PANMURE, *D. G. M.*

(Sd.) WM. GRAY CLARKE,
Gr. S.

[Per favour of the Wor. Bro. P. C. Dutt P.M. 234, P.D.G.D.C. Bengal.—ED. F.C.]

PERFORM YOUR WORK WELL.

MUCH depends upon the manner with which the work is performed what value can be placed upon it when completed. It carried out in a careless way, the marks of imperfection will soon become apparent on the material, even if at first they be covered over with a gloss which hides them from the casual glance.

From the first moment the novitiate enters the ante room until he signs the bye-laws of the Lodge due consideration should be had for the solemn compact he is about to engage in. Too often, far too often, there is a tendency to frivolity in the ante room which, harmless elsewhere, often results injuriously to the young Mason. Men of refinement dislike it, while those of less discernment fancy that, in joining Masonry, they are connecting themselves with some rollicking club or society. The Directors of Ceremonies should perform their duties with seriousness, and allow no one to interfere with them, even by their presence. When first received in the Lodge, the candidate should be made to feel that the work in which he is engaged requires his whole fidelity, and that the lessons which are being inculcated are meant with all seriousness. Every Officer should consider well the part he has to take in the work, and perform it to the best of his ability. And when the candidate is to be instructed in the lesson of charity, or any other of the virtues, he should be made to feel that the teachings are for him alone—that is, "he should be talked to." Too often are these lessons given in the same way a boy would recite his task at school, and with many references to a monitor. It is only within comparatively a few years that these assistants to the lazy have been brought into use. The attentive ear only received the sound. When a candidate notices that the Master, who should be a perfect workman, reads out of or refers to a book, he naturally loses interest, as he fancies he "can read for himself at some future time."

Then as the candidate advances step by step through the various degrees, it should always be borne in remembrance that he is like soft clay, easily moulded; but that his mind, like the clay, will become hardened in time. The first impression which he may receive will be left for good or evil. As the work becomes completed, so will it permanently retain the marks of those impressions made at the outset. The candidate should be taught the "essentials" in a perfect way; the instructor ever remembering what they are and why they are employed. The novitiate may easily learn what is right; but it is not so easy to make him "unlearn" what he may have acquired wrongfully.

Then let every Officer feel that it is his bounden duty to perform his share of the work well. Every Master should also consider that it is a part of his obligation to teach his apprentice properly; so that he may be turned out a skilful workman, always entitled to his full wages no matter in what part of the civilized world he may be called upon to travel during the period of his existence.—*New York Sunday Times.*

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"ABUSE OF THE BALLOT."

THE letter published in our correspondence columns last week, from the pen of Bro. James Stevens, under the above heading, raises such important issues that it is almost impossible to treat the subject with mere passing notice. True, it has been discussed over and over again in the pages of this journal, in cases where flagrant violation of the real uses of the ballot have been pointed out to us; but there is obviously little to expect by way of improvement in this particular so long as there lingers in our Lodges that spirit of discord and contention which it would seem to be as difficult to eradicate as are our most troublesome household pests. For the benefit of those who may not have perused carefully the communication referred to, or may possibly have overlooked it amidst the activities of the Easter holidays, the facts as narrated may be briefly outlined here, for the purpose of bringing them prominently under the notice of our readers. And let us premise, before going further, that the miserable coterie, whose names are mercifully concealed by the writer of the letter, should experience a tingling of the ears—provided they have any sense of Masonic honour left in their composition at all—such as they never experienced before at so direct a challenge hurled at their "knavish tricks." An emergency meeting, it would appear, was called of a certain Lodge in Kent, at which a gentleman of undoubted good report, and holding a position of considerable social importance, was to be submitted as a candidate for initiation. His sponsor was the Secretary of the Lodge, who knew his nominee well, and detailed to the regular Lodge meeting the antecedents and present qualifications of the gentleman who sought participation in the mysteries and the privileges of the Craft. These were abundantly satisfactory to the brethren then in attendance, and the nomination was duly seconded by the Worshipful Master, who, though personally unacquainted with the applicant, felt himself justified, nevertheless, in supporting the claim for admission to the Lodge. In brief, he had sufficient assurance of the gentleman's fitness for candidature; while at the regular Lodge meeting, to which the nomination was submitted, "all then present expressed satisfaction with the anticipated introduction of a worthy man and talented musical companion." But, mark! The canker-worm of discord had crept into the Lodge; some little friction, such as should never for a single moment be tolerated in a Masonic family, had arisen in consequence of the choice made by the Worshipful Master of his Officers for the year, and thus a little clique, including one or more Past Masters—who ought to set a better example—purposely abstained from the meetings of the Lodge, though they rallied venomously to testify their chagrin on an occasion when their private spleen could be vented on an innocent victim. According to the information afforded by our correspondent, who judiciously avoids the mention of persons or locality, it seems that some inkling had been obtained by the Worshipful Master and his Officers of intended and preconcerted opposition to the candidature of the gentleman whose name had been so favourably received. There was a ruffle on the otherwise smooth waters, and the habitual serenity of the Lodge-room was clouded by an ominous shadow of vindictive opposition. Frowning faces, that had relieved the Lodge of their unwelcome presence during recent regular meetings, darkened the atmosphere of this "emergency;" and in order to quell the inevitably coming storm the Worshipful Master acted within his perfect right; and with the utmost candour and impartiality in having recapitulated to the brethren the qualifications of one who had travelled a great distance, and at much personal expense, and who then stood knocking at the door of the Lodge for admission. Having done so, he "positively solicited any members entertaining objection to give him—in the confidence of the tyled Lodge—the slightest hint thereof, that withdrawal of the candidature might in such case ensue, and the discredit of formal refusal be avoided." This was a proper and constitutional course to adopt; but the Iscariots, who had come with the ill-concealed purpose of upsetting the harmony of the Lodge, made no reply to the courteous invitation of the Worshipful Master—whose only sin appears to have been that he declined to practise "the old man and his ass" of the fable—but sullenly and vindictively black-balled the candidate who had been so unanimously accepted by all the rest of the brethren. "Nothing, therefore, was left the W.M. but to close his Lodge, and this was done in sorrowful regret that 'peace and harmony' had been so ruthlessly disturbed.'" Happily, such cases of so abject and base an abuse of the ballot rarely come under the notice of the Craft; and, for the sake of those principles of accord and harmony which Masons so dearly cherish, may this miserable exhibition of Kentish spitefulness find no parallel in our records for a very long time to come. If the animosity of the malcontents had assumed such intensity as to cause them to refrain from meeting in regular Lodge under the *régime* instituted by the Worshipful Master for the time being, on what earthly ground of gentlemanly courtesy or honour could they have been prompted to rally on an occasion when no other end could possibly be gained than that of inflicting pain and ignominy upon a perfectly innocent individual? Such conduct cannot be characterised as any other than despicable in the extreme, and unworthy of the great Fraternity to which we belong. There is an old axiom that "'tis great to have a giant's strength, but cowardly to use it;" and never was the aphorism more appositely exemplified than in this wretched fiasco in Kent. We have no words sufficient to express our abhorrence and contempt of men who would adopt so paltry a means of wreaking their retaliation for a fancied or real grievance. If there were reasonable grounds for dissatisfaction with the majority of the brethren, the malcontents might have remembered the lesson imparted in their first degree, and have held aloof altogether from the Lodge until such time as their differences might have been amicably adjusted rather than disturb the harmony of the rest. The very fact of their doing so with reference to the regular meetings rendered it doubly flagrant to combine maliciously on an evening specially set apart for the election of an ostensibly excellent candidate, against whose eligibility not a word could be advanced. Had there been any ground of objection it might have been urged in response to the challenge so courteously presented by the Worshipful Master prior to the ballot being taken. That such response was not forthcoming is to us a sufficient proof that no just cause of complaint was known or justified; but with a subtle sulkiness these "misguided brethren" smuggled their "pills" sneakingly into the adverse side, and thus excluded from the Lodge a man who, upon the face of the facts related to us, would have proved a useful and most acceptable member. None could be more jealous than

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ourselves of the sanctity of the ballot, when legitimately applied, although it were always preferable that if any likelihood is shown of a candidature being in disfavour intimation thereof should be given to the proposer and seconder, in order to prevent a refusal, which is always a source of painful regret to the members of a Lodge, who regard such a *contretemps* as a hitch in the otherwise smoothly working machinery of their body. As a rule this more sensible and honest course is adopted, and much scandal and heartburning avoided; but in the instance now under consideration, there was a deliberate straining of the powers of voting, and simply to gratify a personal pique, and to mar the comfort and happiness of the majority, because they had acted contrary to the wishes of the clique. What were the particular causes of the isolation of these three or four members from the body of the Lodge we are not aware, nor do we care to ask. But we do say, that such an exhibition of malicious spleen as that narrated by our correspondent furnishes us with a sorry picture indeed of the extent to which factions spite can be carried even in a Masonic Lodge. For the sake of the credit of the Craft, we hope we have heard the last of it, although we quite agree with our correspondent that there should be exercised some "high Masonic authority to prevent the continuance and increase of what is rapidly becoming a most injurious scandal in connection with the Order." It is useless to argue with men whose little minds are so easily poisoned as those involved in the "scandal" before us; or those who will descend to such despicable means of showing their resentment. They belong to a class—a very insignificant one, we are glad to believe—who deem that they have the privilege of the ballot, and have a right to use it, regardless of consequences. Undoubtedly, they have a right to use it, but as a rule it is exercised legitimately, and at any rate with some little show of decency. But no amount of argument will convince some people that the rules of decency should be considered and observed. No; they have a grudge against one or other of the Officers, and the only way they can show it is to cause discord to arise in any possible way, no matter at whose expense. Over and over again we have heard the same wail of regret that such should be the case, and we have found it unavailing either to argue or advise such a class of individuals. We grieve to say so, but the spirit of personal vindictiveness cannot be wholly and entirely stamped out even in our Masonic Lodges. The only course to be adopted, so far as we can discover, is for the decent members of the Lodge to set their faces against such petty would-be tyrants and cowardly scunks, and to send them to that "Coventry" which they so richly deserve. Some men have no soul beyond their own personal likes and dislikes, and there is no use attempting to cure such a deep-rooted disease. We can only hope, with the writer who has ventilated this subject, that "on the principle that there is no wrong without a remedy, measures will be promoted which will effectually prevent repetitions of such abuse of the ballot" For ourselves, we confess we can offer no suggestion as likely to secure a panacea for this evil, though we should be pleased to hear what our correspondents have to say on so important a question.

DUTY OF THE HOUR.

An Extract from an Oration by Bro. L. C. Krauthoff, before the Grand Lodge of Missouri, 13th October, 1885.

DEEP in the heart of man is a great yearning for association and communion with his fellows. He has an inborn aversion to solitude and the life of an anchorite. He realises that unaided and alone he is weak and helpless, and unable to develop the great mission and purpose of his existence. 'Tis this that produces associations in every relation of life—domestic, religious, social, governmental, political, business; and this, also, far back in the misty past, gave rise to an institution having for its purpose the formation of the entire human race into one grand and harmonious family, and for its aim, the realisation of the heaven-taught universal brotherhood of man. In such an organisation, aid and assistance to the poor and needy, the amelioration of sorrow and suffering, and the contribution to the relief of the weak and distressed, must needs be a part of the foundation upon which the superstructure rests. And so it is. Next to a belief in God, Charity, which is indeed but an incident to such belief, is placed at the very basis of the Institution. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are its most excellent tenets. The lesson of Charity is taught in the Masonic Primer, and is repeated and amplified in every grade through which the candidate passes, and unless he has learned it, he has indeed been a poor and unworthy scholar. The obligation to practise it is most solemnly enjoined upon him by word, symbol, and ceremony, and the promise to follow this teaching is repeatedly given in words and manner most serious and binding. Under a sense of this obligation, this body has taken initial steps for an organised and collective redemption of those promises, by the establishment of an Industrial Masonic Home. In the light of the facts disclosed by the address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the perfection of this initial step and the practical exemplification, individually and as a Grand Lodge, of the charitable principles we profess, is, to my mind, the duty of the hour! With this evidence before us, there can be no question of the need of assistance, prompt and substantial, to our indigent brethren and to the distressed widows and orphans, who have been left to our care and protection by brethren who have "gone before." The very fact that a worthy distressed brother, or a widow or orphan left by one, lives in our jurisdiction, is at once an appeal and a *demand*, more eloquent than words can frame, for assistance and relief at our hands. It is a demand we cannot, it seems to me, permit to pass unheeded, consistent with a sense of the obligation resting upon us. Preserved in its pristine purity, the Institution of Freemasonry will have a mission that can only expire with the last man on this sphere, who, prophet-like will stand, saying:

> "We are twins in death, proud sun;
> Thy face is cold, thy race is run,
> 'Tis mercy bids thee go;
> For thou, ten thousand thousand years
> Hast seen the tide of human tears
> That shall no longer flow."

Never should eye be so keen, ear so ready, heart so willing and purse so open as when the existence of distress and the ability to do good is presented to the members of an organization charged with such a mission. This state of facts and this opportunity are now before us; and in a Masonic body, this should mean, with one voice, a resolution that there shall be no waiting for poverty to plead; for shrunken forms and withered cheeks to stare us in the face, or until destitution shall have driven to crime or beggary; but that prompt and effectual action will be taken. Can we do so, collectively, in the present financial condition of this Grand Lodge and its subordinates? Can we assist in it individually without materially injuring ourselves and those dependent upon us? In what manner can we best and most practically attain the desired end?

Thanks to the prosperity that has blessed her subordinate bodies, and the intelligence and ability which have marked the management of her funds, this Grand Lodge is to-day in a most flourishing condition. Her treasury is plethoric, her income far exceeds her expenses, and she has, and will continue to have a yearly surplus. The details of this financial condition can be readily gathered from the several reports of our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and I need not weary you by presenting them here and now. How shall we dispose of this surplus? Shall it be refunded to the contributors, or shall it be permitted to accumulate until, under the the influence of the full tide which an overflowing cash box usually generates, it will be expended for a purpose less worthy and less powerful for practical good than that to which it was set apart at the last Communication of this body? The system of refunding to subordinate Lodges has little to commend it, and certainly there is neither demand nor necessity to resort to it, and the other probable disposition that has been indicated will have no advocates at this day.

This surplus, supplemented by what the healthy condition of the subordinate Lodges justifies them in contributing, and but a small proportion of the plenty that our Heavenly Father has so generously scattered over our smiling State, which has fallen to the lots of the twenty-eight thousand Masons within her borders, and the other resources which our Most Worshipful Grand Master has enumerated, all join to make up an endowment fund sufficient to justify action on the part of the most cautious financier. Added to this is the most munificent disposition

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manifested by a loving widow of one of our departed brethren, who in his earthly life was one of Masonry's brightest ornaments and most faithful votaries, to fulfil the purpose which he fondly cherished while he graced our midst, to materially assist in this great work. This purpose is fully shared by her, and, besides carrying it out, she gives it a double value by accompanying it with an offer of her own time and energies, her love and ministration, her experience and ability.

Never was occasion more propitious than at this time! Verily the indigent Mason and suffering widow and orphan have cause to be gladdened by the bright view and glorious prospect that is opened up! The changing lights on the mountain tops, that long have seemed to make our path to duty dim and beset with difficulties, have settled into a steady glowing brilliancy that radiates throughout Missouri, bearing upon its beams messages of love and hope to the needy and the suffering whose weary souls have so anxiously waited for light and ease.

The experience in other jurisdictions shows the feasibility of the performance of this duty by the erection of a Home where one and all of these will be welcomed and made to feel that they are at home, in fact and in truth, in the fullest and best sense of that sweet term. In song, verse and prose, in divine and in human writings, the beauties of home—that

> "Spot of earth supremely blest,
> A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest,"

have been portrayed. Let us build one, by the aid of God, and make it one of his temples. Unto His Fatherly care let us commit it and those that come to dwell therein. No music that ascends to His throne will please Him half so much as that which comes from such a retreat. To the Mason upon whom age has drawn apace, whose loved ones have one by one been borne in sadness to that narrow house, and who stands all alone in the winter of his life, let us furnish a resting place where he may find his seat near the fire or in cooling shades, and there pass his days, concentrated within himself, and happy in feeling how good and how pleasant it is to have such brethren.

To that brother whom health has deserted, to whose heart the chill cold blasts of adversity have brought terror and despair, who has no hope disconnected with that eternal rest that is surrounded by the dreary silence of the tomb, to whom life seems dispossessed of all its former attractions and who turns with loathing from all the world around him, let us whisper the glad words of brotherly love, and within the hallowed precincts of our Home, show him the full force of the sweet ties of Fraternity that grapple us to him with "hooks of steel," and the heaping full measure of the cordial and substantial sympathy these ties bring to him. Send him a message that comes to him as "as the sun kisses the frozen earth," that bids him drive away dull care, to gather new hope to cheer him on his way and "to break out from the prison of his sorrows."

The Temple of Solomon, it has been said, was "the prayer of a nation put in marble," and so let our Home be to the Mason's widow and orphan, the embodiment of the Fraternity's principles and the evidence that the mystic tie that bound the husband and father to his brethren, now draws them to those he left behind him. Let us bid them dry their tears, bind up their wounded hearts, take them under our fostering protection, and place them beyond the trials and temptations, the want and suffering, of a world all too selfish, all too unmindful that "all mankind's concern is charity," and that all the triumphs and trophies of worldly success heal not "a passion or a pang entailed on human hearts." Make our Home the very fountain-head of charity from which go out streams "to invigorate and gladden the sorrowful, to bear relief to famished poverty, to meander by the widow's cottage, to lave the feet of the orphan."

> "White flowers of love its walls shall climb;
> Soft bells of peace shall ring its chime;
> Its days shall all be holy time."

The thankful glistening of an eye erstwhile red and swollen from weeping tears of sorrow which bedipped the crust that alone saved from starvation; the tremulous voice that wells up from the heart that was lately all but broken with despair and filled with misery, brings to the doer of good a peace of mind and a delicious sense of duty well performed that has in it something of a benediction and something of a psalm.

> "The drying of a single tear has more
> Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore."

Is there one among you who in his past life has felt the need of human sympathy and assistance? Is there one across whose path has come a wall apparently as dark as ebony and as hard as adamant; whose bark of life has been tossed by angry waves high upon adversity's barren shore? To him this appeal is not in vain. He will be a willing searcher for the "points of polarity" among his brethren. Never to his dying day will he forget the renewed hope he gathered from the warm, sympathetic grasp of the hand whose thrill told him that there was a living response to his emotion; nor the gratitude he felt for him who showed him the golden rift that marked the gate through the dark barrier, or for him whose aid safely set his bark afloat again in the calm waters of peace and prosperity. Fate may have such an experience in store for many of us. Bring yourself to think, if you can, how wistfully and prayerfully you would look for succour should it come to you; and, in that frame of mind, recalling the Golden Rule, and remembering that "he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord;" that "blessed is he that considereth the poor;" that the Great Teacher has enjoined upon you to "love your neighbour as yourself," determine once for all to enrol your name among those who shall feel it their duty and their pleasure to found and maintain an institution whose purposes will be so fruitful of good, and the success of which will always be to them a source of joy and happiness. Perchance some day this bread you now cast upon the waters will return to you increased in value many thousandfold.—*Voice of Masonry.*

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE records of the progress of the Craft in the Colonies and dependencies of the British Crown are always interesting to brethren at home, and it is gratifying to learn from the reports we have just received from the Grand Lodge of South Australia that continued vitality pervades the numerous Lodges in that distant part of the globe. At a Quarterly Communication, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, in July, last year, the M.W. Grand Master Bro. the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, presided, supported by Bros. H. E. Downer, M.P., Deputy Grand Master, A. M. Simpson J.P. S.G.W., J. Ramsay J.P. S.J.W., Saul Solomon President of the Board of General Purposes, Dr. T. E. J. Seabrook J.P. Past President of the Board of General Purposes, W. B. Webb G. Reg., J. H. Cunningham G. Sec., J. C. Kaufmann LL.D. G. Inspector of Lodges, Rev. F. S. Poole M.A. G. Lecturer, P. Sampson S.G.D., F. H. Wigg S.G.D., W. F. Olifent S.J.D., F. C. Bowen S.J.D., L. J. Carter G. Supt. of Works, Edwin Saint G. D. of C., F. W. Bullock Assist G. D. of C., L. G. Madley J.P. G. Swd. Br., W. J. Shakspeare G. Org., Harry Turner Assist. G. Sec., A. Simpson G. Pur., W. M. Hugo P.G. Pur., Bros. Ingleby, J. De Cean, F. W. Gardiner, J. C. Bleechmore, and A. Kemp G. Stewards, A. J. Woodman P.G. Steward, N. Kildael Grand Tyler, and many Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and other visiting brethren. The report of the Board of General Purposes to the Grand Lodge of South Australia was then presented, and from it we learn that during the preceding quarter the Worshipful Masters of a number of Lodges had been installed, the R.W. Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Officers being present at many of these ceremonies. The Book of Constitutions had been published, and copies supplied to all the Lodges. Grand Lodge certificates were then being issued. The Board congratulated the Craft upon receiving the intelligence, by telegraph, of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia by the Grand Lodge of England; and it was expected that the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland would shortly follow the example. In accordance with resolutions passed at a previous Grand Lodge, the Board had caused to be erected in the Lodge-room a tablet in commemoration of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. The Board, of which Brother J. H. Cunningham is G. Secretary, recorded with deep regret the death of a worthy and esteemed member of Grand Lodge, Bro. P. M. William Oldham, Past Grand Inspector of Lodges, who died at Kafunda, on 3rd July 1885. The report was received and adopted. R.W. Bro-

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ther H. E. Downer proposed, and R.W. Bro. A. M. Simpson seconded, "That this Grand Lodge desires to record the deep regret experienced at the loss sustained by the death of V.W. Bro. William Oldham, Past Grand Inspector of Lodges, and that the G. Secretary be instructed to forward to the family of the late brother a letter of condolence and sympathy on behalf of the Grand Lodge." This was carried, as also was a resolution that a letter of sympathy should be forwarded to R.W. Bro. H. M. Addison, on account of his recent accident. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

At the October Quarterly Communication Right Worshipful Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., D.G.M. presided, in the absence of the Grand Master, and he was supported by a full attendance of Grand Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Visiting brethren. The Board of General Purposes reported that official intimation had been received from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland that the Grand Lodge of South Australia had been recognised and acknowledged by those bodies as a regular Grand Lodge; also that the warrants of the Lodges working under the English and Irish Constitutions, previous to their connection with the South Australian Constitution, had been cancelled, and returned to this Grand Lodge by their respective Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had resolved to allow the warrants of the several Scotch Lodges to be retained by them, and they would in due course be cancelled and returned. With very great pleasure the Board informed the Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had passed at their last Communication the following resolution—"That Bro. Hugo C. E. Muecke, Ex-District Grand Master, be cordially thanked for the services he has rendered to the Grand Lodge of Scotland." Recognition had also been received, and fraternal correspondence opened with the Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Peru, New Mexico, and Michigan. The Grand Lodges of Scotland, Manitoba, and Peru had submitted the names of W. Bros. J. D. Hedderwick, Peter McGregor, and Ignacio Acuna as Worthy Representatives of this Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges, and the Board recommended that these brethren be commissioned accordingly. The Board further recommended the names of the following brethren to be suggested to the undermentioned Grand Lodges as Worthy Representatives of this Grand Lodge—England, M.W. the Hon. S. J. Way Grand Master; Ireland, R.W. Bro. H. E. Downer Deputy Grand Master; Scotland, M.W. Bro. H. C. E. Muecke P.G.M.; Manitoba, W. Bro. Saint G.D. of C.; Peru, W. Bro. Knight Deputy G.D. of C.; New Mexico, W. Bro. Gurner P.G. Reg; Michigan, W. Bro. Bullock Assistant Grand Deputy D. of C. The Board suggested that the question of conferring honorary Lodge rank upon the representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges should be considered. A petition for a new Lodge at Yorktown had been granted, and the Lodge was to be consecrated shortly. The Board recommended that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, be requested to fill the office of Grand Patron. The demands upon the Benevolent Funds had been considerable during the last quarter; the applications had been carefully considered, and relief had been afforded in all cases when found worthy. Resolutions were passed expressing gratification at having received from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland intimation that recognition, as a lawfully constituted Grand Lodge, had been accorded to the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and that this Grand Lodge heartily reciprocated the desire for the interchange of fraternal intercourse and correspondence. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The Grand Master presided at the January Quarterly Communication, numerously supported by Grand and other Officers and Brethren. The Board of General Purposes reported that the new Lodge at Yorktown had been duly consecrated by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, on 21st November 1885, under the designation of the Melville Lodge, No. 36. They regretted to report the death of Bro. T. J. King, Past Grand Inspector of Lodges, which took place on 14th December. Bro. King, who was deservedly esteemed by his brother Masons, was accorded a Masonic funeral, at which a large number of the Craft attended, together with many of the Grand Officers. The death of Bro. G. M. Turnbull, Grand Steward, also occurred in the preceding month. That brother was a respected and popular member of the Lodge of Harmony, and by his death many members of the Craft had lost a loving brother and sincere friend. The Board recommended to the favourable consideration of the Grand Lodge the notice of motion by R.W. Bro. John Ramsay—"That the amount payable by Lodges to the funds of General Purposes and Grand Lodge, for each of its contributing members, be reduced from one shilling to ninepence per quarter." This, when submitted to the meeting was carried unanimously. The Benevolent Fund in connection with the Grand Lodge had been drawn upon to a very considerable extent, but it was gratifying to have to report that relief had been afforded to every case deserving of consideration. The report was read and adopted, and it was agreed that letters of condolence should be forwarded to the widows of the late Bros. T. J. King and G. M. Turnbull. Nominations for Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes were then received:—

Bro. the Hon. S. J. Way ...	... Grand Master
H. E. Downer ...	... Deputy Grand Master
Jno. Ramsay ...	... Senior Grand Warden
Philip Sansom ...	... Junior Grand Warden
Rev. C. G. Taplin ...	... Grand Chaplain
J. C. Kaufmann ...	... Grand Inspector of Lodges
Rev. F. S. Poole, M.A.	... Grand Lecturer
F. W. Bullock ...	... Senior Grand Deacon
J. H. H. Vockins ...	... Senior Grand Deacon
F. Olifent ...	... Junior Grand Deacon
H. Turner ...	... Junior Grand Deacon
R. L. Mestayer ...	... Grand Supt. of Works
G. C. Knight ...	... Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
J. Le M. F. Roberts ...	... Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.
H. Turner ...	... Grand Sword Bearer
J. G. Jenkins ...	... Grand Standard Bearer
J. Shakespeare ...	... Grand Organist
A. Simpson... ...	... Grand Pursuivant
J. Nicholson ...	... Asst. Grand Pursuivant

Board of General Purposes.

Bros. A. M. Simpson, J. R. Gurner, D. Morris, and J. G. Jenkins.

THE "QUEEN" OF INLAND WATERING PLACES.

A POPULAR and effective means of advertising the attractions of "favourite resorts" is the publication every now and then of illustrations, by which intending excursionists at the opening of a holiday season are enabled to form a decision on the always perplexing question, "Where to go for our annual holiday?" We have just received a unique specimen of this kind of visitor's guide in the shape of an illustrated supplement to the *Buxton Advertiser*, in which are given a series of panoramic views of "the Queen of Inland Watering-places." The views, especially those of Buxton from St. Anne's Cliff, the Pavilion and Gardens, Haddon Hall, Chee Tor, and Chatsworth, are exceedingly good, and the whole of the supplement is remarkably well-executed. It is stated in the accompanying letterpress that the lowest portion of the town is 1,000 feet above the level of the sea. The antiquity of the town, which was at one time a Roman station, is attested by the many grand Roman roads converging upon it; and we are reminded by the quaint reminiscences of "Old Buxton" that many great and illustrious personages have at various times visited the place, and derived great advantage from the use of the mineral waters that have given to Buxton a world-wide reputation. Probably on these waters and baths the fame of Buxton may be said principally to rest. The thermal waters spring in immense and unvarying volumes, and at a temperature of 82° Fahr. It is asserted that the curative properties of these waters in cases of rheumatism and gout are "simply mervellous," and, although there is much that is hackneyed in an expression so often employed, there can be little difficulty in adducing testimony to the truth of the assertion from the experience of those who have sought the healing benefit of the mineral springs and the baths for which this Derbyshire Spa is so renowned. The supplement before us describes the baths as truly a "Bethesda's pool" to suffering humanity. In cases such as the one now under notice, when so much stress is laid upon the virtue of native springs, and to the unequalled salubrity of the temperature, and the admirable sanitary and hygeinic arrangements of the place, the inference is set down at once that such a resort is only suitable to the afflicted and infirm. We have heard the remark applied to Torquay—certainly one of the most beautiful, as well as the most invigorating of sea-side resorts—that it is only a place fit for people far gone in pulmonary ailments, and not for the vigorous and the strong. Of course, in making such assertions, those who utter them are in some measure at least actuated by personal or interested considerations; and daily experience is found to contradict to the letter all such rival accusations. It must not be thought, therefore, that because Buxton has an unparalleled possession of springs and baths it is only a resort for invalids; for in the Pavilion and gardens music is blended with lawn-tennis, boating, bowling, rinking, and many other pastimes which the young and athletic so much enjoy, whilst the beauty of the surrounding scenery adds Nature's own charm to the enterprises of art in providing attractions for visitors. The supplement published by Mr. C. F. Wardley is a work of art in itself, whilst the information accompanying the plates is interesting, and full of valuable hints to those who are just now contemplating the package of their family portmanteaus before setting out for their summer sojourn in the country.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SOUTH MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 858.

THERE was a very gratifying attendance of members and Visitors at the Installation meeting of this popular old West-end Lodge, held at Beaufort House, Walham Green, on Thursday evening, the 22nd instant. The Lodge is intimately bound up with the Second Middlesex Rifles and other Volunteer corps of this district, many of whose officers figure on the roll of membership; and during the past year, under the able and genial presidency of Bro. Lieut. F. Larner, the proceedings have been crowned with even more than ordinary success. There appears to be such thorough harmony and urbanity pervading the conduct of this Lodge's affairs that it need be no matter for surprise that new and excellent "blood" is being constantly infused into it, and that, both from a numerical and financial point of view, this branch of the Fraternity is in a robust and healthy condition. The brethren assembled soon after four o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Lieut. F. Larner, who was supported by Bros. C. S. Wilkes S.W. and W.M. elect, T. C. Allengame J.W., Major C. H. Reid-Tod P.M. Treas., W. H. Rawkins Secretary, E. H. Walmsley S.D., W. H. Hobbiss S.D., Lieut-Col. H. Radcliffe P.M. Director of Ceremonies, E. A. R. Ewen Steward, Past Masters P. Kirke, W. F. Woods, Francis Egan, C. H. Cumberland, B. Pollard, and P. H. Jones; Bros. W. Burn, C. W. Stevenson, B. Fickling, R. Ethridge, W. Graham, W. S. Cottis, R. H. Grey, C. Wetherby, S. H. Moore, W. Ham, Thos. Grover, Woodstock Tyler, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bro. J. Percy Leith P.M. 2 P.G.D., J. G. Fisher P.M. 1194 P.G.S. Middlesex, E. Clark P.M. 1329 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. Clulow 1851, H. J. Amphlett 1511, R. Wilson 2054, A. B. Hudson 1657, H. F. Back 55, F. Prior 765, J. H. Townsend Green 1974, J. Holliday 1777, F. A. Ford 2021, R. Josey 1828, &c. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient Rites, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, was advanced to the third, when Bro. W. Graham was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being impressively and ably worked by the retiring W.M. Bro. Larner then vacated the chair, which was assumed by the esteemed Treasurer of the Lodge, Bro. Major C. H. Reid-Tod as Installing Officer; and Bro. C. A. Wilkes was presented in due form as W.M. elect, and assented to the usual interrogatories on accepting the responsibilities of office. A Board of Installing Masters was then constituted, and Bro. Wilkes was inducted into the chair of K.S. with all solemnity, the ceremony being performed in masterly manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed, and saluted in the three degrees, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Lieut. F. Larner I.P.M., T. C. Allengame S.W., S. E. H. Walmsley J.W., Major C. H. Reid-Tod P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Rawkins Secretary, W. H. Hobbiss S.D., Dr. A. Handyside J.D., E. A. R. Ewen I.G., and Woodstock Tyler. The ancient charges to the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master with much elocutionary effect, and the ceremony throughout was most edifying and highly appreciated by all present. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe P.M. acted efficiently as Director of Ceremonies. At the close of the Installation business, the ballot was opened for Dr. Gilbert Richardson, of Putney, proposed by Bro. Wilkes and seconded by Bro. Larner, and for Mr. J. Wilmer Ransome, of Highbury New Park, whose sponsors were the same. Both were unanimously accepted, and Mr. Ransome being present, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, the working of the newly-installed W.M. giving promise of able and excellent ruling during the year upon which he had just entered. The other candidate, Dr. Richardson, was prevented by urgent professional duties from attending. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition, both as regards numbers and funds, was submitted and approved; and the Worshipful Master then, in the name of the brethren, presented to the retiring Master a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his tenure of office. The jewel was quite unique in its design, bearing on its front the Middlesex arms, beneath which was a bugle, denoting the connection of the Lodge with the Second South Middlesex Volunteers, and on the reverse side was the inscription—

Presented to Bro. Fred. Larner P.M. for his efficient services as Worshipful Master during the year. April 1886.

The gift was accompanied by a few eulogistic observations on the part of the W.M., who referred to Bro. Larner's very successful year, and the zeal and fidelity with which he had carried on the affairs of the Lodge during the time he had filled that exalted position. He had gained the respect and esteem of the brethren generally by his unwearying exertions for the promotion of the best interests of the South Middlesex Lodge, and he (the speaker) hoped to have that worthy brother's assistance and counsel in carrying on the business of the Lodge in the year upon which he had, by the kindness of the brethren, entered to-day. Bro. Larner briefly acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him, and promised to continue his efforts for the welfare of the Lodge, as he had done in the past. He congratulated Bro. Wilkes upon his accession to office, and the brethren upon the wise choice they had made, and assured them all that whatever he could do to advance the prosperity of the Lodge he should be most happy to do. In wearing the beautiful jewel which had been fastened to his breast, he should ever be reminded of the pleasant hours he had spent in association with the brethren of the South London Lodge, and concluded by expressing the hope that he might continue to merit the kindly sentiments which had actuated them in making him such an acceptable present. Some routine business having been transacted, and hearty good wishes interchanged, the brethren and Visitors adjourned for the banquet, which was served in admirable style by Mr. Maltby, in the large hall, whose walls are adorned with quaint military subjects, bought, we understand, from the old "Globe," in Leicester-square. At the end of the hall was a large drop-scene, on which is painted a strikingly excellent representation of the Volunteer camp at Wimbledon. At the conclusion of the *recherché* repast, which was capitally served, the Worshipful Master proposed the Loyal toasts, in doing which, after alluding to her Most Gracious Majesty as Patron of the Craft, he said when they looked back upon the time since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales succeeded to the position of M.W. Grand Master, they would find that nearly 700 new Lodges had been consecrated, and each year had brought upwards of 800 into the Order. That spoke volumes as to what the Prince of Wales had done for Freemasonry. The Prince had endeared himself to every man, woman, and child, not only in England, but on the Continent, and his name was respected, not only by Masons, but by every community throughout the world. He then gave in suitable terms the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. In doing so, he spoke of the superior way in which the work of Grand Lodge was carried on, and said we ought to be thankful to those gentlemen who so assiduously devoted themselves to the interests of the Craft. This evening they were honoured by the presence of one of the Grand Officers—which was not a frequent occurrence in their Lodge—and they would have had others but for the meeting occurring so close upon the Easter holidays. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and, in responding, Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. said the Officers of Grand Lodge did their utmost to merit the approbation of the brethren generally. The duties of Grand Lodge required careful attention to matters of detail, and that attention conduced mainly to the success or otherwise of the Institution. To obtain the approval of the brethren by the success of their exertions was the highest reward coveted by the Officers of Grand Lodge. He thanked them individually for the kind manner in which the Worshipful Master had coupled his name with the toast, and it afforded him genuine pleasure to have had an opportunity of witnessing the ceremonies, performed in a manner which, he assured them, was deserving of the highest credit. Not only was their own Master employed in those ceremonies, but they had an opportunity of seeing their Immediate Past Master, who had carried on the work of the past year so well, taking upon himself the raising of a brother to-day. There was no doubt that Bro. Larner's mantle would fall upon the shoulders of his successor. He (Bro. Wilkes) had had an opportunity, which few Masters have of performing an initiation on his installation night, and they were all much gratified at the extremely able way in which he, as a novice, conducted that interesting ceremony. In Bro. Major Reid-Tod they had a Past Master who was always available, whose services were ever at their disposal, and who would at any time come forward to take upon himself the arduous duties of Installing Master. He had discharged those duties that day with great ability, and was deserving of high credit. Having thanked the brethren for their hospitality, he said his visit to the Lodge on this occasion was particularly agreeable, inasmuch as the father of their initiate was an old friend of his, and it was a strange coincidence that he should be present on the night when the son was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Larner I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of their newly-installed Worshipful Master. Most of the brethren present knew that Bro. Wilkes was a thoroughly good man, in every capacity of life, and from what they had seen they might be confidently assured he would make an excellent Master of their Lodge. Very few words were required to recommend this toast to their notice, but he asked the brethren to offer Bro. Wilkes the same cordial help that they had afforded him (the speaker) during his year of office. He was sure that at the expiration of that term they would have every reason to be abundantly satisfied with the choice they had made. The W.M., who was heartily received, said he rose with diffidence and pleasure to respond to the toast—with diffidence, fearing he should not be able to carry out the duties which they had been kind enough to impose upon him to their entire satisfaction, and with pleasure because he had reached, he might say, the height of his ambition in Masonry. When, only a few years ago, he had the honour of being initiated in this Lodge, he was vain enough to hope he might attain to the exalted position he now held. He had attained that position, even sooner than in those ambitious days he expected, and he thanked the brethren for the extremely kind way in which he had been received on this occasion. He should strive to do his best to justify the selection they had made, and hoped that at the end of his year of office they might be able to drink to his health with the same cordiality as they had done that day. He assured them nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain and to increase, in his humble way, the welfare of the South Middlesex Lodge. In proposing the health of the I.P.M., he spoke of the able manner in which Bro. Larner had conducted the office of Master during the past year, although that subject needed no comment from him. They were all extremely indebted to him for the way in which the affairs of the Lodge had been conducted. It was impossible for any Master to have done his duty in a more efficient manner than Bro. Larner had done; therefore, he had very great pleasure in proposing this toast. As he had been warned two or three times that time was on the wing, and that the brethren would run away, he asked them, without further preface, to drink to the toast with all honours. Bro. Lieut. F. Larner I.P.M. was warmly applauded, and, after returning thanks for the hearty reception accorded to the toast, said after the many speeches he had made during the year, they would not want any lengthened remarks from him on this occasion. He was very proud to have arrived at that position. Of course, he valued his position as Master of the Lodge, but he was equally happy in that which he now filled as a Past Master. He wished to convey to them his grateful thanks for the very kind support they had rendered him during his year of office.

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The W.M., in proposing what he termed the toast of the evening, "The Initiate," observed that without initiates Masonry would be entirely at a standstill. In the South Middlesex Lodge they had been particularly fortunate in having a goodly number of them. That evening he had hoped to have had the honour of two initiates, but at the last moment he received a telegram from one, who was a medical man, to the effect that he had been called away on important duty. He hoped, however, to have the pleasure of initiating him on the next occasion. They had that evening a very excellent addition to their number in the person of an old friend of his, and possibly, in name, a friend of many others in the Lodge. It was three or four years since he had the pleasure of proposing Bro. Ransome, but circumstances had prevented him from attending until now. However, the old adage held good, "Better late than never." Personally, he was much pleased that Bro. Ransome did not come forward earlier, because now he had the honour of initiating his old friend. He was one of the right sort, and one of whom they would have reason to be proud. The E.A. song having been sung with acclamation, Bro. Ransome thanked the brethren very much for having received the toast of his health so heartily, and also for their having admitted him into the Order. He had been deeply impressed with the interesting and solemn ceremony he had witnessed in the Lodge-room. It had always been one of his ambitions to become a Mason, and he thanked them most sincerely for having admitted him. The W.M. next extended a hearty welcome to the Visitors, and said although in every Lodge this toast was well received, he thought it was especially so in the South Middlesex. He did not know that he had a right to say "especially," because every Lodge was glad to receive Visitors; but, speaking for the brethren of his Lodge, he said they were only too delighted to see such a goodly number present on this occasion. He then enumerated the brethren who had honoured them with their company, some of whom were distinguished in the Craft, and he had received letters and telegrams expressing regret for non-attendance from others who, although not with them in person, were so in spirit. Bro. Clark said his visit to the South Middlesex Lodge had afforded him much gratification. He thanked them for the bounteous manner in which they had entertained their Visitors, which was something beyond that usually experienced, even in Masonic Lodges; and the way in which the working had been done afforded him much pleasure. It was most agreeable to meet so many old friends, amongst whom was the initiate, whom he had known in business. If he carried out his Masonic duties as he did those on behalf of his clients, he would be everything that the brethren of the Lodge could desire. Bro. Fisher could add but little to what had been said by the last speaker in response to this toast; but Bro. Clark omitted one important point, and that was the excellent manner in which the installation ceremony had been rendered by their worthy Bro. Major Reid-Tod. Having witnessed that ceremony on many occasions, he was bound to say he had never seen it carried out in better form, or with more expressive feeling than it had been done that day. He thanked Bro. Reid-Tod for the able manner in which he reminded them of the tenets and principles of the Craft. In that ceremony everything was brought to their minds as to what Freemasonry was, but it was the manner in which it was rendered that made an impression upon their hearts. He had heard Bro. Tod rehearse that ceremony many times in Lodges of Instruction, but that evening he even excelled himself. He again thanked them for their unbounded hospitality at the festive board, and for the treat which had been afforded them in the Lodge-room. Bro. Back thoroughly endorsed the sentiments expressed by those who had preceded him. Although he had not the good fortune as yet to witness an installation ceremony, from what he had heard from critical brethren he knew it had been admirably performed. The W.M., in appropriate terms, gave the Past Masters, extolling their zeal and assiduity in promoting the welfare of the Lodge and the comfort and harmony of the brethren. The Past Masters severally acknowled the toast, and, the Officers of the Lodge having replied to the compliments paid to them, the list was fittingly closed by the Tyler. The proceedings of the evening, which were of the most enjoyable character throughout, were diversified by some capital songs and recitations, Bro. Hobbiss rendering efficient aid as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE Installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, a ballot was taken for a joining member, Bro. Joseph Priestman, and declared to be unanimous in his favour. Bro. Robert White P.M., the D.C. of the Lodge, presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Seth Wrigley, the S.W. of the past year, for installation, and this interesting ceremony was performed in a most impressive and eloquent manner by the popular outgoing Master, Bro. Roger Walker. Although this was Bro. Walker's first attempt in the capacity of Installing Master the ceremony was rendered in such a style as to engross the attention of the brethren, from the commencement to the end, and Bro. Walker was rewarded at its close with an outburst of applause seldom given in a Lodge-room. We venture to predict the day is not far distant when Bro. Walker's talents will be recognised and rewarded in the Province of East Lancashire. The addresses to the newly-appointed Officers were delivered by Bro. J. Beresford P.P.G.D. Cheshire; this brother's fame is such as to render criticism or praise superfluous. After business the brethren, numbering about sixty, adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided in the room below, where they did ample justice to the viands, excellently served by the Lodge caterer. The Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, the Grand Lodge and Provincial Lodge toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Jno. Chadwick P.G. Secretary responded to the latter, assuring the brethren of the Callender Lodge that the Prov. G.M. R.W. Bro. N. Le Gendre Starkie would be pleased to hear the report he (Bro. Chadwick) should give of the good and efficient work done in their Lodge. He noted with pleasure that although the members were not numerous, and that the brethren had during the past few years not been able to do as much as they wished towards the general Charities, they had that day voted another £5 to the East Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Institution, to mark their esteem for the Installing Master, and the success which had attended the Lodge during his tenure of office. Bro. Chadwick also announced that Bro. Warburton P.M., the Charity Representative of the Lodge, had supplemented the vote by a donation on his own behalf of £5. It was only fair that acts like these, done in secret and so unostentatiously, should at least be mentioned, so that brethren might be stimulated to imitate the good example, and that the giver should himself see his charitable act was recognised. Bro. Walker I.P.M. then proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. In Bro. Seth Wrigley the Lodge would undoubtedly find a worthy occupant of the chair; he would prove an honour to the name of Callender, for whilst serving the subordinate offices of the Lodge he had, by his suavity, courtesy, zeal and assiduity, ingratiated himself into the affections of every member and earned the esteem of the Past Masters. The manner in which Bro. Wrigley had thrown himself into the labours of preparing for the comfort of visitors to the installation and banquet was an additional guarantee that the duties devolving upon him would be faithfully performed, and every detail carefully attended to. Bro. Seth Wrigley, in reply, assured the brethren that he had, from the time of his initiation, aimed at filling the position in which the brethren had that evening placed him; he would prove his gratitude for the confidence they had reposed in him by handing the warrant, on the expiration of his term of office, if with no extra lustre, at least as untarnished as he now received it. He only hoped he should succeed in his efforts as well as Bro. Walker, who had been most energetic and untiring for the welfare of the Callender Lodge, this should be his aim and endeavour during his Mastership. In proposing the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Wrigley made most flattering allusions to the work that had been done, and to the unanimity which had prevailed in the Lodge. He then presented to Bro. Walker a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members. He trusted that Bro. Walker would live long to wear the jewel, which denoted the affections of every member. Bro. Walker I.P.M. responded, and promised that having fallen into the ranks of the P.M.'s he should, like them, remain in the Lodge, and whilst he lived wear with pride the jewel which the brethren had been pleased to bestow upon him. It should ever be a beacon to direct him to his Masonic duties, and any service it might be in his power to render would be willingly given on behalf of the Lodge or any of its members. The Secretary, Bro. Edwards, in proposing the Visiting Brethren, complimented the Lodge on being honoured with distinguished brethren from many Provinces; brethren who had attained Provincial rank. There were also present many who deserved it, but who, through the scarcity of offices at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Master, and from the number of brethren eligible for the honour, were unavoidably, up to now, undecorated. He asked the Visitors, all of whom had given evidence of being at home, to come and see the Lodge whilst the ordinary duties were being performed through the year, and promised they should find one of the best worked, truly harmonious, hospitable and happy Lodges in the Province. They would be satisfied that the Lodge work could not be excelled, and a better acquaintance with the Lodge would improve their opinion of the Worshipful Master's hospitality, however high that opinion might already be. Nearly all the Visitors responded. Amongst them were Bros. J. Chadwick P.G.S., Thos. Carter P.G.O., Board P.G.D.C. Warwickshire, J. Beresford P.P.G.D. Cheshire, Wm. Harris W.M. 1993, Hebden P.M. 1458, Elliott P.M. 1147, Biddolph, Hill, Blatherwick, and Cheetham W.M. 993. Bro. Harris concluded a very eloquent response by paying a high compliment to Bro. Walker I.P.M., expressing the extreme pleasure it gave him to meet Bro. Walker and witness the ceremony he had so well performed, more especially as Bro. Walker had rendered such valuable service to him (Brother Harris) in performing ceremonies in the Wolseley Lodge, where he had made himself so agreeable and popular to every member. Bro. Harris also expressed the hope that the very high prestige of the Callender Lodge might be maintained, and that it might continue in its labour of love, and prosper under its new Master. Bro. Blatherwick said, that having for years worked in another sphere with the late Bro. W. R. Callender, he was convinced that from the manner in which the Lodge was conducted, and the "esprit" which prevailed, the inspiration of that departed brother haunted the Lodge, and that whilst this continued the Callender must of necessity remain a model Lodge in the Province. The toasts of the Past Masters and the newly-invested Officers having been duly honoured, Bro. Warburton P.M. gave the Masonic Charities, favouring those present with a most interesting account of the history and work of each, remarking that although the Lodge had not subscribed as much as they could have wished to the general Charities, owing to the claims of their own members and the depression of trade in the district, the feeling was strong in the Lodge to be in the fore in the lists of subscribers to the Masonic Charities, the trifle given to-day therefore might be considered an earnest of more to follow. During the evening the meeting was enlivened with some capital music, singing and recitations by Bro. Carter P.G.O., Owles, J. Jordrell, Ernest Jones J.W., Bennett I.G., Start, and the brethren left after one of the pleasantest evenings spent even in this ever happy Lodge.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1056.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Thursday evening last, when there was a goodly muster of the brethren and Visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. Edmund Bowles. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, and the minutes of the

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last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented, showing the Lodge to be in a sound and healthy condition, both as regards membership and finances; the report was unanimously adopted. Lodge being advanced to the third degree, Bros. W. P. Bothamley, E. Noyes, and H. Mitchell were raised, the working of the Worshipful Master being all that could be desired. Resuming in the second, Bro. Samuel Cochrane S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, and having formally assented to the responsibilities of office, he was duly installed into the chair. The brethren, on their re-admission to the Lodge, saluted the newly-installed W.M. in the three degrees, and the charges were delivered, in an effective manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, and after the interchange of fraternal greetings, the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's usual commendable style. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly-installed W.M. being received with especial enthusiasm, and responded to in appropriate terms by Bro. Cochrane. The toast of the Visitors was also very heartily received and acknowledged, whilst a fitting tribute of praise was accorded to the Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers for the active zeal they had displayed in promoting the interests of the Victoria Lodge. The proceedings of the evening, which were of a thoroughly harmonious and enjoyable description, were varied by some capital singing and recitations.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—The annual meeting of this very old Lodge of Instruction was held on Good Friday, the 23rd ult., at Brother Pope's, White Hart Tavern, King's Road, Chelsea, on which occasion a large number of eminent brethren attended to celebrate the custom of working the fifteen sections. The following took part in the working:—Bros. W. Stuart P.M. 142, 179 as W.M., A. Carlstrom S.W., P. Coghlan J.W., J. March Secretary. First lecture—Bros. Coghlan, Alexander, Ruffle, Coop, Whiting, Smith, Woods. Second lecture—Bros. Watts, Corbey, Carlstrom, Cleghorn, Dairy. Third lecture—Bros. Markland, Whiting, Woods.

The M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having approved of a new Masonic Lodge for Gosport, the consecration will take place in the Thorngate Hall, on the 12th May, by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), assisted by the Officers of the Province. Brother Francis Powell P.M. 903 is the Worshipful Master designate.

Bro. Spiegel P.M. will deliver his lecture, on the Origin of Freemasonry, at the Creaton Lodge of Instruction No. 1791, held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, the 6th of May.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 1st May 1886:—

Tuesday—Royal York Chapter, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Festival, Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Jordan Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—London has its national theatre once again, with its old glories of melodrama. The pantomime season had extended this year beyond its usual limits, and indeed Aladdin might seemingly have travelled through midsummer and autumn to shake hands with the "Forty Thieves" next Christmas. Mr. Harris has willed otherwise, and now we have "Human Nature" for a few weeks before we welcome Carl Rosa and his pleasant opera season. In the absence of Mr. H. Neville, with a touring company, Mr. Harris assumes the part of the hero, and seems equal to the chivalry required. On the first night he was strangely nervous, as many a gallant captain has been before on entering on a great campaign. That strangely versatile actor Mr. R. Pateman is the demoniac baby farmer, so blood-curdling in his villainy that the gallery does not hiss, but howls at him in appreciative virtue. Mr. Harry Nicholls plays the benevolent "comic relief" with a brightness and geniality that reminds old playgoers of Buckstone. Pretty Marie Illington is still the delightful soubrette—charming in every one of her scenes. However, for this occasion the "play was (not) the thing," but rather the playhouse. It was the première of Drury Lane newly decorated, and with such liberal magnificence that surely the grand old interior has never shone with such a glory of ruby velvet and lavish gilding, whilst the same coloured tableau curtains repeat and complete the gorgeous draperies of the boxes. The uncompromising severity of the central sunlight gains grace and sparkle from a veil of crystal drops. The stalls and the boxes have had their seats upholstered for the greater comfort of visitors, and soft carpets cover the endless stairs and corridors. Drury Lane is now the most luxuriously appointed theatre in London. At the close of the performance Mr. Harris was summoned again and again in answer to the enthusiastic plaudits of the audience.

Grand.—The popular and courteous manager of this North London Theatre, Mr. H. A. Freeman, announces his annual benefit for Wednesday, the 5th May, on which occasion he will present a very attractive programme.

The following brethren were appointed Officers of Grand Lodge, at the Grand Festival on Wednesday:—

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor)	Grand Senior Warden
Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, C.B., M.P.	Grand Junior Warden
Rev. James Nelson Palmer	Grand Chaplains
Rev. William Mortimer Heath	Grand Chaplains
Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama	Grand Treasurer
Frederic Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C.	Grand Registrar
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L.	Grand Sec. Ger. Cor.
Sir Bruce Maxwell Seton, Bart.	Grand Senior Deacons
Samuel Pope, Q.C.	Grand Senior Deacons
Ralph Clutton	Grand Junior Deacons
John E. Le Feuvre	Grand Junior Deacons
Horace Jones	Grand Supt. of Works.
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	Grand Dir. of Cers.
Rudolph Glover	Grand Dep. Dir. of Cers.
Henry Trueman Wood	Grand Asst. Dir. of Cers.
William Roebuck	Grand Sword Bearer.
Edward Dean Davis	Grand Standard Bearers
Henry Greene	Grand Standard Bearers
Walter Parratt	Grand Organist
Albert Lucking	Grand Pursuivant
William Henry Perryman	Grand Assist. Pursuivant
Henry Sadler	Grand Tyler

The following were appointed Grand Stewards:—Bros. Major G. C. D'Albiac, F. P. Shipp, H. P. Hughes jun., H. F. Pollock, R. E. Johnston, J. Russell, A. Williams, M. R. Sewill, E. C. Mather. F. W. Macan, J. R. Dunlop, R. Plumbe, Henry Carter, A. Layton, H. M. Bates, C. E. Wilson, R. Grantham, E. T. G. Darell.

The R.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, will hold his Provincial Grand Lodge on Saturday, 5th June, at the Town Hall, Twickenham.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, when Bros. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. occupied their respective chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. The recommendations of the last Board having been confirmed, forty-four new cases were considered. Three of these were dismissed, one was deferred, and the remaining forty were relieved, the total sum voted being £925, made up of one grant of £5, thirteen of £10, one of £15, nine of £20, one of £25, ten of £30, three of £40, one of £50, and one of £100.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, by special invitation, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, 5th May, at seven. Bros. Fox P.M. 201 W.M., Gush P.M. 1541 S.W., Larobin P.M. 1541 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Brailer, Spon, Norman, Main, Gregory, Larobin, Gush. Second Lecture—Bros. Hands, Sharpe, Jenkins, Fox, Bond. Third Lecture—Bros. Gilt, Weeden, Giddings. Bro. J. R. Cordell 813 Secretary.

Obituary.

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SIR HENRY EDWARDS, BART., P.P.G.M. WEST YORKSHIRE.

The news of the decease of Brother Sir Henry Edwards will be received with feelings of regret throughout the country, but more particularly in that district of Yorkshire with which he was more intimately associated. Our deceased brother was appointed to the charge of the Masonic Province of West Yorkshire in 1875, and was the first Mason on whom the Grand Master conferred the dignity of Provincial Grand Master. Some two years since Sir Henry was compelled, through ill health, to resign his appointment, much to the regret of the brethren of his Province, who had learned to appreciate the thorough heartiness with which he entered into, and carried out, his Masonic duties.

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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 5th day of May next, 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 20th January to the 20th April 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	44	5	2	Disbursements during the quarter -	248	16	2
„ Unappropriated Account -	185	2	4	Balance - -	220	10	0
Subsequent Receipts-	438	2	6	„ Unappropriated Account -	198	3	10
	£667	10	0		£667	10	0

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 George Arthur Montgomery Tapscott as Z., Andries Selzer as H., Thomas Melville du Toit as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Octahedron Lodge, No. 1417, Barkley, South Africa, to be called "The Octahedron Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Barkley, South Africa.

2nd. From Companions Stephen R. White as Z., Richard Thomas Middleton as H., Henry Hagell Lowrie as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1590, Uitenhage, Cape of Good Hope, to be called "The Southern Cross Chapter," and to meet at Uitenhage, Cape of Good Hope (East Division).

3rd. From Companions James Reginald Spence as Z., Raphael Borg as H., George Charles Peere Williams Freeman as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, to be called "The Bulwer Chapter," and to meet at Cairo, in Egypt.

4th. From Companions James Griffin as Z., James Gifford as H., William Odam as J., and twenty-two others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, Stonehouse, to be called "The St. George Chapter," and to meet at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, in the County of Devon.

5th. From Companions Henry John Atkins as Z., William Bowring Rogers as H., David Sydenham as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth, to be called "The Hengist Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Bournemouth, in the County of Hampshire.

6. From Companions James Smith as Z., Alexander Smith as H., John Bray as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Broad Arrow Lodge, No. 1890, St. George's, Bermuda, to be called "The Royal Edward Chapter," and to meet at St. George's, Bermuda, West Indies.

7th. From Companions William Mason Stiles as Z, William Alfred Scurrah as H., James Willing jun. as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, Harrow Station, to be called "The Henry Levander Chapter," and to meet at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, in the County of Middlesex.

8th. From Companions George Lambert as Z., Robert Payne as H., Herbert C. Lambert as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, London, to be called "The Queen's Westminster Chapter," and to meet at 8A Red Lion Square, Holborn, London.

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

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3, London, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme

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Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882. This memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that a Chapter through neglect of the Law as contained in Article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations (Edit. 1879), has recently exalted a Brother at a less period than twelve calendar months from the date of his becoming a Master Mason :—

The Committee have admonished the Chapter to be more observant of the Law in the future, and have ordered the candidate in question to be re-obligated.

The Committee have further to report the receipt of the two following communications, viz. :—

1st. An Edict of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—dated 16th January 1886, severing fraternal intercourse between its Chapters and their members, and those of this Grand Chapter, in consequence of the continued existence within the territory exclusively claimed by the former, of the two English Chapters, Nos. 374 and 440, which have been working in Montreal long previously to the formation of their Chapter.

2nd. An Edict to the same purport from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana—dated 1st March 1886, to continue in force so long as the two Chapters in Montreal shall remain under the Grand Chapter of England.

These communications have been briefly acknowledged by the Grand Scribe E., and as the Grand Chapter of England does not exchange Representatives with Grand Chapters of the Royal Arch degree on the continent of America, these Bodies differing from that of England in their forms and qualifications, the Committee do not recommend that further notice be taken of these communications.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st April 1886.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

Appeal of Companion Joseph Dawson P.Z. No. 832, Rangoon, and Past District Grand H., against a ruling of the Grand Superintendent in the District Grand Chapter of Burma, at Rangoon, on the 10th December 1885, declaring an amendment carried.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE installation Convocation was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 22nd ult. Comps. Palmer Z., Dr. Corrie Jackson H., and Dr. Jagielski J. The first business was the examination and passing the accounts by the Audit Committee; these were found to be very satisfactory. Afterwards came the ballot for the Officers for the ensuing year. Companion Dr. Corrie Jackson was unanimously chosen M.E.Z., Comp. Jagielski H., and J. Bieling J. These various Officers were then installed in a most able manner by Comp. Palmer. After this followed the ballot for Brother Schwartz, of the Ebury and Marylebone Lodges, proposed by Comp. Chaplain. This proved to be unanimous in his favour, and he was exalted to the supreme degree by the newly installed M.E.Z. The ceremony being completed, and various communications brought forward by Companion Pass S.E. having been received, the Chapter was closed until October next.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Thursday, 7th January 1886, when there were present the following District Grand Officers :—Bros. J. I. Miller Deputy Master (in the chair), C. Thorne Past Master, Thomas W. Kingsmill Past S.W. Acting D.D.G.M., L. Moore Past S.W. Acting District S.G.W., E. P. Lalcaca J.W., Rev. F. R. Smith Chaplain, A. Johnsford Registrar, J. M. Cory President Board of General Purposes, R. D. Starkey Secretary, G. A. Allcot Acting S.D., W. H. Anderson Acting J.D., J. Morris Superintendent of Works, O. Middleton Director of Ceremonies, J. Findlay Assistant Director of Ceremonies, G. R. Wingrove Sword Bearer, G. B. Fentum Organist, A. M. A. Evans Standard Bearer, A. P. Macgregor Pursuivant, R. W. Astill Assistant Pursuivant, G. M. Hart Steward, S. R. Gale Acting Tyler. Visitors—Bros. C. W. Dallas District Grand Master Japan, E. Ebrahim 501 E.C., F. L. Marshall and F. M. Gratton 570 E.C.; A. Gillanders, J. Baird, D. O'Rourke, and J. M. Macfarlane 1027 E.C.; J. G. Thirkell, E. Sanstedt, L. F. Gowing and E. J. O. Rowland 428 S.C.; M. H. Cook, C. Brown and G. Howard Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const.; G. Martin 1 E.C., &c. The District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 9·15 p.m., and after the Circular convening the meeting had been read, the minutes of the last regular Communication, which had been printed and circulated, were confirmed. Bro. Cory read the Report of the District Board of General Purposes, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the present Communication. The District Grand Secretary, in the absence, through indisposition, of the District Grand Treasurer, explained that the Treasurer's report showed that the receipts during the year had amounted to tls.381·83, against which there had been an expenditure of tls.201·53, leaving a balance of tls.180·30. In addition to this balance, after writing off ten per cent. for depreciation, there were assets, represented by the old regalia, amounting to tls.264·60, making a total of tls.444·90. There was the unpaid bill for the new regalia of £60 2s, but the new regalia would of course, come into the assets. Bro. Thorne Past District Grand Master complimented the District Grand Lodge on its improved financial position, and proposed that the Treasurer's report be adopted. The District Grand Master in the chair, in seconding the motion, explained that the accounts would be audited and annexed to the printed minutes of the present Communication. The accounts were then formally adopted. The ballot for the election of Treasurer was then taken, and resulted in the re-election of Bro. Short. Bros. R. W. Astill, A. P. Macgregor, and J. Findlay were elected members of the District Board of General Purposes. The following brethren were invested District Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Bro. John Myrie Cory	S.W.
Alfred Johnsford	J.W.
William Henry Short	Treasurer
John Morris	Registrar
Rev. Frederick Robert Smith	Chaplain
Osborne Middleton	Pres. Board Gen. Purposes
Reginald Digby Starkey	Secretary
Reuben Aaron Gubbay	Assistant Secretary
George Albert Allcot	S.D.
The W.M. Union Lodge 1051, Tientsin	J.D.
John Findlay	Superintendent of Works
George Richard Wingrove	Director of Ceremonies
Algernon Mountford Adams Evans	Assistant Director of Cer.
Alexander Pendarves Macgregor	Sword Bearer
Thomas Frederick Hough	Standard Bearer
James MacMorran	Assistant Standard Bearer
George Benjamin Fentum	Organist
Robert William Astill	Pursuivant
George Mercer Hart	Assistant Pursuivant
Frederick Montague Gratton	Stewards
James Baird	Stewards
John West	Stewards
Joseph James Poynter	Stewards
The S.W. Union Lodge 1951, Tientsin	Stewards
Charles Merritt	Tyler

The District Grand Master in the chair congratulated the brethren on the harmonious working of the different Lodges in the District since the Communication in September last. The Worshipful Masters of the local Lodges had been installed and their Officers invested, and he wished them all a prosperous year. From the Union Lodge no returns had been received, though especially applied for, and their non-arrival had placed him in an awkward position, being unable to name its Officers for appointments in the District Grand Lodge. He reverted to the very satisfactory report from the Treasurer, and spoke of the progress made in the Masonic School scheme, stating that the school would now soon be an accomplished fact. Bro. Thorne explained that the Treasurer had not yet paid the tls.100 voted for the Masonic School. He formally proposed that the Treasurer be empowered to make the payment, and the motion having been seconded by Bro. Kingsmill was unanimously passed. Bro. Kingsmill mentioned that it was a great improvement to see, for the first time, the brethren arranged under their respective banners, and he hoped this plan would be followed in future. The District Grand Secretary read a letter received from the Grand Secretary, pointing out that the wishes of the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570 E.C., in connection with the appointment of a successor to Brother Thorne, had not been communicated to him, but the District Grand Secretary showed by the press copy of his letter of the 4th February 1885 that this had been done, and stated he had replied to the Grand Secretary accordingly. The Grand Secretary also wrote that the votes held by the District Grand Lodge for appointments to the Masonic Schools at home were in the hands of Bro. S. Rawson, but that no election was coming on just then. The District Grand Secretary read a circular received from the Grand Lodge giving instructions as to the requirements

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to be attended to in forwarding petitions for New Lodges' After receipt of several copies of "Proceedings" had been acknowledged, the District Grand Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren separated in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

FESTIVAL OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE annual Festival of the Grand Lodge of England was celebrated on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master presided, and was supported by the following Grand Officers:—Lord Kensington P.G.W. as Deputy Grand Master, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal as Past Grand Master, the Earl of Milltown P.S.G.W. as S.W., Colonel Sackville West J.W., Rev. R. N. Sanderson Chaplain, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Registrar, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., Secretary for German Correspondence, J. Watson S.D., T. H. Goldney J.D., Horace Jones Superintendent of Works, Sir Albert Woods Director of Ceremonies, Charles Hammerton Sword Bearer, Butler Wilkins Standard Bearer, G. P. Brockbank Standard Bearer, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Organist, Henry Garrod Pursuivant, and A. Lucking Asst. Pursuivant. So much of the minutes of the last Communication of Grand Lodge as related to the election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer having been confirmed, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was proclaimed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The acting Grand Master having announced that the Earl of Carnarvon had been re-appointed to the office of Pro Grand Master and himself to that of Deputy Grand Master, the two appointments were formally received by Grand Lodge. The other Grand Officers, of whom we give a list on page 279, were then appointed.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern, where banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the supervision of Bro. Madell. At the conclusion of the banquet, the customary toasts were honoured, Bro. James Hayho fulfilling the duties of Toastmaster. After full honour had been done her Majesty the Queen, the Chairman rose to propose the health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family. The toast had been frequently given. The Prince of Wales was a true Mason. Unfortunately, he was unable to be present that day, but Lord Lathom was happy to think there was a probability that in a short space of time they would see the Grand Master perform a most interesting ceremony—that of installing His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. Additional interest would be felt on the occasion, as the Duke of Connaught also bore the title of Duke of Sussex. It was often extremely difficult for the Grand Master to choose those who ought to rule over the different Provinces, but he thought the Grand Master's choice, hitherto, had fallen without exception in the right place. He had never heard a word spoken against his appointments. He could assure the brethren that His Royal Highness not only took a deep interest in Masonry, but that the work of Masonry took up, as the Grand Secretary would tell them, a great deal of his time. He asked them to drink to his health, and that of the Princess of Wales, whom they all loved so much, and who, he was perfectly certain every one present would be glad to hear, was restored to health. The Earl of Lathom, in proposing the Sister Grand Lodges, said they were extremely fortunate that evening in having representatives from three—Nova Scotia, Canada, and New York. There was no doubt that, much as Masonry had increased in this country, it had been ably backed and followed up by those who, though not actually living in it, were related to it. The way that Masonry had increased throughout the world in the last few years had been something extraordinary. He wished that a census could be taken of Freemasons. Comparing the present with twenty-five years ago, if that could be done, he had very little doubt that the number of Freemasons in the world would prove to have very nearly doubled. Bro. Major-General Laurie, G.M. of Nova Scotia, rose; this was not the first occasion on which he had had the honour of receiving an invitation to the Grand Festival; nor the first occasion he had had the gratification of attending and enjoying the hospitality of Grand Lodge, but the greater gratification to him and those supporting him was, that it was not in their personal character, but as representatives of the bodies to which respectively they belonged. The noble Earl had spoken of the spread of Masonry throughout the world; he believed that Masonry, as they specially understood it, was mainly confined to the Anglo-Saxon race, and more especially the English-speaking portion of that race. In a few days they would see a large advent of colonists to their shores, whom they would welcome as they always welcomed visitors. They would find that these visitors were very much like Englishmen in appearance, and that their great desire was to be taken for Englishmen; and if they could examine their hearts, their feelings, and not simply study their outside appearance, they would find they were in their hearts as thorough Englishmen as any one sitting at that board. He must now say a word in connection with the Masons of the United States. It was his pleasure, eleven years ago, to be present at a great assembly held in the city of New York, at the dedication of a Masonic Temple, when there was a procession of 35,000 Masons. It was not, however, to that he wished to allude. In the course of the banquet the name of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was mentioned, and it was received by the whole assembly upstanding and with shouts. He mentioned this to show that though allegiance was changed, the sentiment of brotherhood remained, and proved the truth of the saying, that "blood is thicker than water." If the brethren of the old country and those of the colonies stood together, it was a federation which could stand against the world. Brother Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, in proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master said he would like to enter into a paneggyric as to the excellence of the Earl of Carnarvon, but as he had not the ability to do so he would refrain. It was a satisfaction to every brother present to see that a portrait of the Earl of Carnarvon was now in Grand Lodge; the Pro Grand Master had exerted himself very much in the cause of Masonry. The Earl of Carnarvon was now absent recruiting his health, which had suffered in the service of the Crown at a time when that service was greatly needed. As a true Mason, when his services were needed, he at once consented to take office, and if necessary to surrender his health or his life for the benefit of his country. For these as well as for other reasons his name would always be venerated by Masons. Brother Lord Kensington proposed the Deputy Grand Master and Chairman. There were many present who could speak with more authority as regarded the Earl of Lathom and his work in Masonry than he (Lord Kensington), but as one who had known him intimately from the time they were at school together, he could speak of him in the highest terms. He knew the good work he had done, and that no time or trouble was spared by him when his presence was requisite. That morning he had come up from his home in North Lancashire to be present with the brethren, and about fifteen months ago he underwent a still more trying journey to instal him (Lord Kensington), in Pembrokeshire, as Master of his Province. Lord Lathom had done right good work for Masonry, and was one of the pillars of the Order. The Earl of Lathom in replying said that was not the first time by a good many that the brethren had welcomed him in the same hearty manner, and he thanked them from the very bottom of his heart. What little he had done for Masonry had been done from a thorough conviction of its usefulness. It was now, he was sorry to say, thirty years since he was initiated by Brother Pickard, and he looked back to that time again and again, and thanked the day when he became a Mason. He became a Mason because he had heard enough to think there was a great deal in it, and when he entered it he found what he had thought was a reality. For some years he did not take an active part, but owing to circumstances in the Province to which he had the honour to belong—West Lancashire—he was induced to bestir himself. Since that time he had been promoted to a very high position in Masonry, and it filled his heart with deep thankfulness when he thought that year after year he was thanked by the brethren for what little he had done. His duties were not onerous or heavy; but he could say honestly and conscientiously that when he was called upon to perform them, he always endeavoured to do so. He did not know there was a more heart-stirring thing in the world than to think

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that in the great body of Freemasons, not only in this country, but throughout the world, there was a body of men united together by one great bond, and for the same objects—Charity and Loyalty. Charity was and ought to be universal among Masons, and Loyalty was, and ought to be, universal, whatever country they might be in. If he had not found that those two great principles of the Order had been thoroughly carried out, and thoroughly pushed, he for one would not have taken the active part in Masonry he had. But these principles were actively pushed, they were thought of, and he believed they were thoroughly in the heart of every Mason. Let them act up to them, and so long as they did so he was sure that their great Order of Freemasonry would last as a great and moving spirit in the world. He could dilate much more on the principles of Masonry, and on the principles of Loyalty and Charity, but he would content himself by merely thanking the brethren for their kindness, and assuring them that the trouble of a few hours' travelling was amply repaid by the cordial reception they had given him. In speaking to the toast of the R.W. the Provincial and District Grand Masters, the Chairman said he was happy to say he knew personally nearly the whole of the former, and had had the honour of installing a goodly number of them. He only hoped he might not have to install many more, for he thought that those who now held office were the best who could hold that position. The work of the Provincial Grand Masters was a great one, for they kept together the whole body in one united mass. He was happy to think that in past years the Prov. Grand Masters had done their duty thoroughly and well. The District Grand Masters were a different body, but they had the same duties to perform. He was not acquainted with them so well as with the Provincial Grand Masters, but he believed, from what he had heard and seen, that they did their work thoroughly. They had among them that evening the District Grand Master of Victoria, Sir William Clark, and he was happy to welcome him as representing that very great—he was going to say, unit, but a very great portion of the Empire. Bro. Clark was here, though not specially in connection with the Exhibition which was about to be opened, but still as one who had taken a leading part in the colony of Victoria, and he wished the brethren to give Sir William Clark a welcome, not only as a Mason, but as one from the other side of the sea, who had come among his English brethren. Sir Wm. Clark, in reply, said he was delighted with the welcome he had received from English Masons. He thought there were other brethren present who could have done more justice to the toast than he. In the first place he was not a speaker, and in the second place he had a very bad cold, which interfered with his throat; and as there were others present who could respond he should be pleased if the Chairman would call upon them. He must, however, say that the people of Victoria were as true Masons as the people of England. The Earl of Lathom, in proposing the Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, said he was glad to have to propose that toast for one special reason. He had had the honour of performing that day a duty which he believed had never fallen to the lot of any Mason, that of investing the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain as Grand Warden of England. The Lord Chancellor bade him make his excuses to the brethren for his absence from the banquet. His lordship came a long distance to Grand Lodge, and had a long distance to go back. The Junior Grand Warden, Lord Charles Beresford, was also unable to stop. Having a bad cold, he had strict orders from his doctor not to stop out. The Prince of Wales had made an excellent choice of Grand Officers for this year. He (Lord Lathom) was delighted to welcome a fellow countryman in the person of Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C. The duties of a Grand Officer, as a rule, were not very arduous, but the offices were rewards for what the brethren had previously done, and ought to be looked on in that light. Whether it was the collar of a Warden, or the collar of a Pursuivant it was a badge a man ought to honour as much as the Victoria Cross; for it showed the man had done his duty in Masonry. If a man wished to be a good Mason, and to obtain advancement, let him do his duty to the Charities; he certainly did not do his duty as a Mason if he neglected them. The toast of the Masonic Charities was entrusted to the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath. He knew that a desire for the welfare of these Charities existed in the heart of every brother present, and the great practical outcome of their principles they were able to show to the world. The Chairman had spoken about Charity, and in a great measure had taken it in its wider sense. He (the speaker) was privileged to propose it in its narrow, but not less important sense, in the shape of the great Institutions which were at once the honour of the Craft and the admiration of the outer world. Those who had watched the progress made of late years by the Institutions—the vast sums of money which had been collected, the large body of Stewards who had gathered those sums of money, would think they had seen Masonry in its practical view, and he had no doubt this had tended to place Masons in a high position among those who were not of them, but who stood outside. It was not his province to speak as to those Charities in the presence of the working members of them, the Secretaries, and who could speak much better of them than he; but whether it was among the metropolitan brethren or among the provincial brethren, he could only say there was only one desire,—to support them and to keep them up to the utmost state of efficiency. He belonged to a small Province, but he was happy to say that even the little Province of Dorset had not been without its efforts in the way of Charity. He was proud to say that what other Provinces and what the Metropolis had done in the past, would be done in the future. Brother Frederick Binckes replied. On an exceptional occasion such as the Grand Festival, which was peculiarly a festive occasion, it would not be becoming in him to make anything in the shape of a practical appeal for support for any one or all of the Masonic Institutions. They who were associated in the great work of practical Charity, either as the official representatives or those who bore distinguished positions as members of the Committees, or in other capacities, were only too delighted to know that on an important occasion like this space was found on the toast list not only to mention, but to give the best wishes of all the good Masons assembled together for the success of their various Charitable Institutions. He could not for one single moment attempt to forget or ignore the admirable words rendered by the popular nobleman who presided that evening,—than whom no one had more enlisted for himself the sympathies of the Craft at large; and who would always continue to merit those sympathies by the genial kindness of his presidency wherever they met him. The noble lord told the brethren words which he had repeated over and over again,—that Loyalty and Charity were the two watchwords of the Masonic Order. Might those two watchwords never be forgotten, never be ignored by every individual brother who arrogated to himself the position of being a good, honest, conscientious, loyal Freemason! From that dais at no distant date he ventured to say, that while avoiding anything in the shape of political allusion there could be no doubt on his mind—he could not understand there could be any doubt existing in the mind of any rightly and well constituted Freemason—that he must be loyal to the sovereign of his native country, and if he was loyal to the sovereign of his native country, he would also be loyal in his support of the Masonic Institutions. He did not ask them to believe he was indulging in exaggerated language; he meant what he said on that occasion; if they ignored their loyalty their Charities would suffer. Might their loyalty know no diminution, and their Charity increase in the estimation of every one. In responding for the Grand Stewards, Brother Day, President of the Board, said it gave him great pleasure to return thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed. Their year of office had been a pleasant one. They had endeavoured to perform their duty, and he hoped their work had been done to the satisfaction of Grand Lodge. The brethren then repaired to the Temple, where the customary concert was given. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Brother Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Past Grand Organist, who was assisted by a strong body of artistes.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 1st MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

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
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 3rd MAY.

22—Lonsborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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)
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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1683—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
1966—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex, Colchester Castle, Colchester
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
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)
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
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
1446—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. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

TUESDAY, 4th MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Lennox, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Pantheon, Sisters' Tavern, Powerscourt-road, Bolton, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1279—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1361—Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Enderbatic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1429—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1509—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1561—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1448—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)
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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
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. 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
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.
493—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1610—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey

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, 5th 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poultry-chambers, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

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)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer S., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Checquers, 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, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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
486—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
517—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
571—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Townshire, 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)
67—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
872—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, Swansea
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1324—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, 150 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Beach, Liverpool
1624—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1961—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
R.A. 248—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton

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R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 6th 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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.
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (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. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, A'wyne 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, Hyerlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farehum
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
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
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
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, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—County, Alforde Chambers, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hadley, 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
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

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, 7th MAY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, Penge Rise, Baker St., at 8. (In)
79—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)
1155—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1305—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Unique, 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. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Peckham Rye, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
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
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Longton, at 7.30. (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Charlton, Masonic Rooms, Charlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hoxton.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Sidmouth-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Manchester
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, 8th MAY.

173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Cavenc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
[illegible]—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Stangate-street, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1645—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Royal Alfred-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.

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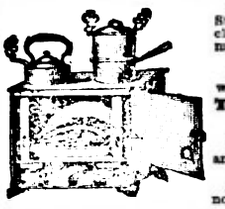

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FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, which has at its head the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, had 1114 members on the registers of its twenty-four Lodges at the time of the issue of the Calendar and Directory for the Province for the present year, distributed as follows:—

No.	Lodge	Meeting at	Members
51	Angel	Colchester	114
160	True Friendship	Rochford	49
214	Hope and Unity	Brentwood	36
276	Good Fellowship	Chelmsford	41
433	Hope	Brightlingsea	72
453	Chigwell	Chingford	30
650	Star in the East	Harwich	91
697	United	Colchester	93
1000	Priory	Southend	74
1024	St. Peter	Maldon	54
1280	Walden	Saffron Walden	18
1312	St. Mary	Bocking	31
1343	St. John	Grays	41
1437	Liberty of Havering	Romford	29
1457	Bagshaw	Loughton	34
1543	Rosslyn	Dunmow	23
1734	Trinity	Rayleigh	34
1799	Arnold	Walton on Naze	47
1817	St. Andrew's	Shoeburyness	42
1977	Blackwater	Maldon	59
2005	Brooke	Chingford	18
2006	Tilbury	Grays	26
2063	St. Osyth's Priory	Clacton-on-Sea	46
2077	Epping	Epping	12

These figures show an average of nearly fifty members for each Lodge, and when we consider the number of Lodges in the Province, this is unquestionably a large average. The Province has the advantage of being near the Metropolis, and two or three of its Lodges may be said to really consist of London men, who, as in many other parts, combine Freemasonry with pleasure, to the extent of holding their meetings where they can enjoy a few hours' change among the green fields, as a break in the monotony of every day life in the Great City. The Masonry they practise is no worse on this account, as any one paying a visit to Essex, or looking to what is done by the several Lodges in the Province for the course of charity, could easily prove; indeed, we feel we may refer to Essex as a Province whose actions are worthy of imitation by others. There are some of the best Masons of the kingdom enrolled among its members, as well as some of the warmest supporters of the Masonic Institutions; there is therefore little cause for surprise that it should be to the front among its fellows.

In Royal Arch Masonry Essex is somewhat behind. Its Provincial Grand Chapter was constituted in 1883, and now has for its Superintendent Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar England. The Provincial Calendar gives a list of four subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 112, distributed as follows:

No.	Chapter	Meeting at	Members
51	Patriotic	Colchester	40
214	Hope and Unity	Chingford	23
276	Essex	Chelmsford	23
1000	Priory	Southend	26

This, considering the proportions of the Craft degree in the county, is but a poor show, but doubtless the brethren of Essex are acting as they think best in confining nearly the whole of their attention to the three degrees of Craft Masonry, and so long as they attend to those as they are now doing there will be no cause for accusing them of being behind in their support of the Craft.

Mark Masonry is worked in Essex in three Lodges, the Constantine, No. 145, meeting at Colchester (51 members); the Beaconsfield, No. 205, meeting at Walthamstow (11 members); and the Chelmer Lodge, No 342, meeting at Chelmsford (27 members). These three Lodges are included in the Mark Province of East Anglia, which comprises the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridge, and which is under the Provincial Mastership of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker P.G.M.M.M.

The Charity work of the Province is entrusted to a Committee, consisting of the Provincial grand Master and his Deputy, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary and four other Officers—three past and one present (the senior of whom retires each year at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, when a present Provincial Officer is elected in his stead). All Essex Vice-Patrons or Vice Presidents of either of the three great Masonic Charities, and one member from each Lodge in the Province, elected annually on the day of installation of the Worshipful Master. The co-operation of members of the Province is invited on the subject of votes for the Charities, and brethren are requested to send their proxies to the Provincial Grand Secretary, in order that they may be polled, exchanged or lent, on behalf of the County. We do not know to what extent the brethren have united their powers, but Essex has been able to do exceedingly well at many of the elections of the past, and this can only be done where united action is adopted. The Calendar for the year concludes with a list of subscribers to the Institutions, showing the number of votes held by each. From this we gather the following summary,

Votes held by	Boys	Girls	Male	Female	Total
Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M. & Prov. G.L.	47	53	35	21	156
Private Lodges - - -	94	77	64	68	303
Chapters - - -	7	8	10	6	31
Individual Subscribers -	500	445	306	352	1603
	648	583	415	447	= 2093

In conclusion, we can but express a hope that the Province of Essex may continue to flourish, and that the brethren who comprise it may long maintain the reputation it at present enjoys.

THIS IS MASONRY.

An oration before the Grand Lodge of California, 14th October 1885, by Rev. William A. Knighten, Grand Orator.

THE duty of this hour is the honest reflection of this body upon the principles underlying our noble Order, the objects for which we maintain its institutions, and a glance at the hopes we entertain for its future.

First.—To be a Mason, a man must have a desire to hear, and see, and know some truths hidden from the view of other men; to find a mystery of value to the heart and mind unknown before.

Second.—That desire must be intelligently directed. The surroundings of a Mason must be able to enlighten and develop the manly qualities of the man.

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Third.— To be a Mason, man must be a temple. In him must live, as active agencies, all the hightest mental and moral qualities. He must be able to love, to obey, and to be truthful. These are eternal principles. Time and the grave can never touch them.

Fourth.—A man must be progressive. If we have a dogma, this is it. We accept the great doctrine of Masonic evolution, and advocate a special order of advancement. We move along all the lines of usefulness that God has ordained in all His laws. Each individual must march with his elbow touching a brother, and with his eyes expectantly fixed upon the sublime work of self-conquest.

Masonry has not lost her high ambitions. New stars are nightly beaming down upon her "wise men," and new gifts are coming to the birth of her new and mighty truths.

Some have thought us fogies and have declared our mission ended, but the fields of higher usefulness and destiny still open up before us. Along the path of centuries Masonry has been the friend of progress. It opened the secret vaults of Hiram of Tyre, and gave a field for his genius, wealth, and ambition, making his name immortal by associating it with Hiram Abif and our Grand Master, King Solomon, and the Temple of his God. It took the Queen of Sheba and the royal caravans of the East, and stood them before his temple, that they might witness the glory of its architecture and the wisdom that planned it. It has ever gathered about its altars the noblest and best of souls.

The friends of Masonry have been the benefactors of the race. They have championed every cause dear to the poor, the ignorant, and the oppressed, and have many times fought the battles of human liberty against the votaries of superstition and tyranny. They have been the friends of learning. Art, science, and literature have often lit their torches at our altar fires. They have always borne aloft the banner of religious liberty. From age to age the light of divine truth has been shining upon her altars; and, with consistent and steady march, she has taught the world the great lessons of liberal thought. Not a religious institution, we have guarded the word of God more closely than our traditions, and have preserved its golden pages beneath our heads and hid its teachings in our hearts.

It is said that Alexander had the Iliad of Homer bound in gold and placed nightly beneath his pillow. So do we with this eternal word. He read of Trojan heroes and their struggles with the Greeks. We read of the victories of truth and the stately marches of its friends. This word greets the eyes first opened into the realms of true Masonic life. Masonry has no creed, but all creeds may bow around its common altar. In the deep and far-reaching plans of God for the moral and spiritual uplifting of the human mind, Masonry seems to have been one among His divine purposes, plainly indicated on the great trestle-board of time.

When this nation struggled for its rights among the greater powers around it, Masons stood by their open Bibles with their unlifted swords. Washington and Lafayette were bound by its sacred ties, and lived and died as the noblest types of manhood in this or any other age. It has not alone manifested its power in the defence of right upon the field of battle, but, during the pursuits of peace, it has fostered every interest of mankind. The plans of this Fraternity are intended for the world to-day, and for the ages yet unborn. It reaches across all lines of race, colour, and clime, and touches the industries, the commerce, the arts, the learning, and the social and national relations of all countries. It has helped to subjugate and control error, and has aided in the enlightenment of ignorance. It embraces in its teachings the wisdom and experience of Solomon, the ardent love of John the Evangelist, and the integrity and patriotism of Washington. It strives to restrain all personal prejudices, control all warring passions, and bring out into clear and beautiful review the highest, noblest and best of moral jewels in the soul. It is an arm of protection about virtue, and a sword and shield about virginity. It has for its aim the eternal uplifting and approximation of man to an ideal higher than nature has yet produced—a manhood after the will, and subject to the perfect government of God. It means to apply the square of its principles to the rough ashlars of humanity, and, with the chisel of wisdom and genius, bring a polished, shining stone into that ever living, imperishable building of God—that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The world is full of ruined enterprises. Cities, theories, creeds, statutes, and even nations have passed away. It is said that time proves all things. It has tested many of man's inventions, and they have melted in the crucible of its touch, like the enemies of the Hebrew children in the furnace of their own construction. The errors of Pharaoh were washed with him from his chariot in the billows of the sea. The ruins of Troy are the monuments that tell of the lust of Paris. The dust of the desert has drifted across the heathen temples of Thebes and Palmyra, and the mighty walls of Nineveh have long since slept unnoticed save by the excavator who digs amid her ruins. The mythology of Greece has come down from the Olympian heights, and the ephemeral thrones of their visionary deities have been buried for centuries from the belief of men.

So the world moves on, with grander marches up the heights of reason, faith and hope, toward the higher goal of God's higher purposes in its creation. Errors still grow old and dusty, and are laid away in the vaults along the wayside of the years. The wrong assumptions of our enemies, their egotistical anathemas, and their evil prophecies, have marched back with the long procession of the fossiliferous departed. Human progress has stood beside these sepulchres and inquired the causes. Down from the echoing corridors of history has come the true response—man's ignorance and sin. Error in man's moral temple weakened its structure. Decay and change crumbled it away. Blind reason sought the realms of faith and found its grave in the deep, dark wilderness of superstition. Masonry has stood beside them all in the calmness of delightful contemplation.

I seem, my brethren, to be standing in the vestibule of some great temple. It is grand in all its vast proportions. The architecture is superb. Its foundations are deeply laid. Every stone has passed the plumb and square of some master mind. Every column has been turned and polished for its royal stand in the processions of its long and spacious halls. Every arch stands richly inlaid with keys and cappings firmly bound. The cornice is gilded. Its domes rise high above the ruins of man's other plans, and gold-tipped spires lift their shining heads from dizzy heights, and first salute the rising of the sun. I stand beside its altars, and seem to see its burning tapers and the rising incense. I hear the voice of prayer. This, my brethren, is Masonry.

I hear the tread of increasing multitudes as the years go by. The wisest and best of each successive generation come and go. One is a kingly form. He comes from the throne, and with majestic tread ascends the stairs and takes the place of honour in the East. Here is another. He is the master workman and the widow's son. Famed in the hearts of kings for genius above his age, he takes his place as counsellor to the king. Hiram Abif and Solomon are here. Now comes the third, a man of Tyre, gorgeous in the gold that glitters in his crown and sparkles on the border of his kingly robe. Here is one standing by the lighted tapers. He is looking at the measurement of ethereal walls, and counting the multitudes along the shores of eternal streams. He hears the music of the upper worlds, and looks upon the temples of the shining hills. This is John the Evangelist.

Years have passed. Now comes a man with the tools of all the Craft. He toils amid the labourers of his age, and leaves his monuments in shapely domes and marble columns till a kingdom repeats his praises. This, my brethren, is Sir Christopher Wren, the great London architect. There is silence for a time. Then comes a form—tall, graceful, and with an imperial glance. He takes his stand near the East. He has just sheathed the sword. He now pauses near the altar, then he passes down the halls. This, my brethren, is the Father of his Country. There are multitudes like these whose feet have walked these holy isles. Franklin, Garfield, Starr King and Thomas Guard have passed the open door, and rest their weary feet beneath the green acacia. Noble deeds have borne aloft the banner of our Order, and unveiled characters have stood about our altars like stars above us in the night of human life.

This temple is composed of eternal elements.—A true Mason is one at heart. Here is the throne of Speculative Masonry—the real seat of Masonic life. It carries into a man's soul the priceless jewel of friendship, and brings

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from his inner life the flowings of its pure and living fountains. It is no argument against Masonry that the covenant unites only those who take it. This is true of all human organizations. The bond is world-wide and its tenure for ever, and the heart of every true Mason beats responsive to humanity's call, while, with the mystic trowel, his hand is ever ready to spread the cement of Friendship and Brotherly love. We have a key to the arches of this temple that never shall be shaken by the storms and changes of time. It is charity. Deeply inlaid with jewelled tears of gratitude, and embalmed in our Masonic covenant, it sheds the lustre of its brilliance upon the world. Speak it not to your left hand, but let the angels tell your deeds of love, where the incense of true devotion rises for ever from the altars of our spiritual temple—where God, our Supreme Grand Master, for ever presides. Where is it seen? Where is its earthly whisper heard? Where is the quiet tread of its footfall? Go, angel of inquiry, to the bedside of the sick, and place your ear upon the pillow of the dying. Go, angel, to the distressed widow and fatherless children. Go to the grave of the loved one and there see the light of this holy virtue shining from the windows of the soul. Where there is sorrow to need sympathy, where there is need to call for relief, where there is wrong to be made right, and where there is darkness to be made light, there let the beams of this divine sun fall from our Order for ever and for ever.

Washington Irving says that "Dionysius, the tyrant, conscious of the disaffection and enmity of his subjects, became suspicious and distrustful even of the courtiers that surrounded him. He had a cave near his palace arranged in the form of an ear. He then caused them to be placed therein, while he would station himself in a secret place and listen. He could hear the faintest whisper." Love needs no such safeguards. It hears and tells only truth. This is true Masonic greatness. Here is a secret tie stronger than death—a Gordian knot that no impetuous Alexander has yet been born to cut. This is the sacred fire, like that of the temple service, that will never expire; and this, my brethren, is a secret reason why Masonry will never die.

Masonry has no secrets that can injure the world. All its secrets as an Order tend to promote the universal good. It is said that an Emperor once built a palace of glass, that all might see him in his private life, and that he placed it on a hill, to allay the suspicions of his subjects. We do not need these outward displays. We take the simplest of the heart's expressions of secret faith. This is an essential element of our strength. How quietly the heart can trust its friends—how strongly it can hold its forces upon the soul! There is no miracle in the universe grander than the silent influences of the soul of man. Atoms, worlds, stars, suns, and constellations are swung in their grand harmonious circles, and have been kept in their most sublime and orderly marches, night and day, since "the morning stars first sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Faith is more subtle. It enters the deep places of thought and searches the hidden realms of mind for the solution of eternal problems. It reaches the depths of the past and peers into the mysterious and unfathomed future for the purposes of its life. It takes hold of the present and its wonderful hopes and relationships, and gathers the fragments of earth's broken urn, and lights the fires of eternal affection anew in the world of spirits far beyond the stars. Thus, my brethren, we are as a family in the world, looking for security of the earthly and present good of all mankind, and also waiting for the opening of the eternal doors, when the immortal Tyler shall let us enter upon a grander life.

We need frequently to look at qualities.—Forms of the ritual and the externals of the profession do not fill the requirements of Masonic life. We must look higher than all our symbols for the true import of our Masonic obligation. We must search the motives. They must be laid upon the conscience and be measured by the highest sense of duty. Any candidate for these honours, at these sacred altars, should first desire to be a better man; better innately; better in every high and manly resolution; better in every relationship to the brethren of the Craft; better in every aim as a part of the moral structure to which you belong and of which we form a part. Bound more intimately than any other human society, we must all be honoured in the success of one, or pained and injured by the failures of one. We are to be a building.

Motives to moral excellence should always be growing stronger. Our moral qualities are the true centres of our highest strength. There must be fidelity to the cause. The noblest of the Craft have been shining out this highest virtue upon the shrine of Masonry down to the present day. The first lesson of this brotherhood gathers its force from a character illustrious by fidelity. Death for a principle. Death for the protection of truth, innocence, and love. Here gathers the other moral excellencies, as stars in groups.

The strength of the human will is involved.—What words of mystic power in the "I will," "I do," "I am" of Masonry. No terms of equal force are found in all the grasp of human thought. The reason, the emotions, the conscience, have left the destiny of society at the feet of this supreme authority, and have waited for its assent. In the consciousness of an abiding conviction, we have placed ourselves upon this border-land of infinity and asserted our will of devotion and consecration to this sublime Order. The greatest care of Masons should ever be to strengthen this, man's noblest gift. Enforced by all the faculties of the mind and body, let it carry in its divine supremacy all power in the resistance of evil. Morally stand firm. This will is up beside the throne of Freemasonry. In fact, it presides here over every virtue we are called upon to defend or reveal, and it stands by the eternal throne, in the inner temple of the universe. The great object of this institution is to make strong men. While we may help the weak, it is also intended to raise the standard of character higher than the mere fancy of illiterate and corrupt, or dissipated and flattering society.

What grander mission than that of the strong arm, thinking brain, and increasing wealth, guided by a broad plan, a keen eye, and a high determination to help the helpless and comfort the comfortless! What better method than organised thought and heart and will! Cromwell was right, when he found the gold and silver images of saints standing in the church, to command them to be made into coins and distributed to the poor. The work of all the Craft is toward this one divine achievement. The return of necessity is the common expectation of all generations. The consecrations of the strong are the remedies that God has prepared for that certain day or hour. Fountains are falling from the clouds and creeping from the edges of eternal snows, to pour in cataracts down to the bedsides of the suffering; but there must be somewhere a friendly hand to give a "cup of cold water to one of these." Times of darkness, like prowling enemies, sometimes come to the threshold and fling their long deep shadows across our loved ones and our homes, but the attentive ear must hear the sighs, the faithful breast must beat with sympathy, and, with fleet foot and rapid wing and angel purpose, come to smile away our gloom.

So the young, brave and strong, led the aged and trembling King Solomon up the stairs of "three, five and seven." So in the recruiting ranks of this illustrious Grand Lodge of California. The gallery of bright and noble faces will increase in numbers out by the stairway. New faces will be seen, and other feet will walk these sacred halls. They will move along the great highways of the future to bear the burdens and meet the responsibilities of the Order, and to imitate the virtues of those who have gone before.

Brethren, look at the uprisings of opportunity. Every step taken in the rapid development of the State, every advance in her material resources, in her commercial relationships, in her mental and moral progress, brings some new possibility to the Craft. New charters, new halls, new initiates, and new necessities are coming rapidly up together. Let us, then, go out from this our annual convocation with higher resolves for the work of the coming year. With our attachments all made stronger, our hopes more firmly knit about the sublime destinies of the future, and our memories refreshed with the treasured glories of our illustrious departed; let us go to the places of our labour in the temples of the Craft.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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"Athol," No. 323 from 1801, No. 410 from 1814, No. 282 from 1832, and No. 232 from A.D. 1863. (Vide Hughan's "Masonic Register," 1878).

ZETLAND, Gr. M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and Loving Brethren.

Seal.

We, THOMAS DUNDAS, Earl of Zetland, *Baron Dundas*, Of Aske in the County of York, &c., &c.,

Grand Master,

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

Send Greeting:

Whereas, it appears by the Records of our GRAND LODGE that on the 4th day of March 1801, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorizing and empowering them and their lawful successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the City of Calcutta in the East Indies, and which was accordingly opened and is now holden under the Title or denomination of

"The Marine Lodge."

No. 282. And was then registered in our Grand Lodge Books No. 323, but by the alteration of numbers consequent on the Union of the two Fraternities on the 27th December 1813 became No. 410 and by the general alteration or closing up of numbers in the year 1832 became and is now registered in our Grand Lodge Books No. 282.

And whereas it hath been represented to us by our trusty and well beloved Brethren JOHN CHAUNCE the Master of the said Lodge, JOHN GRAY S.W., CHARLES MCAFEE J.W., FREDERICK G. SIDDONS P.M., BENJAMIN W. LAZARUS P.M. JOHN J. L. HOFF P.M. and others the Members thereof that the said Warrant hath by time and other circumstances become defaced and illegible, and they being desirous that the Lodge should continue to be holden in a regular and constitutional manner have prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation.

Know ye that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of their request and of the confidence reposed in the said Brethren do hereby grant this Our Warrant of Confirmation authorizing them and their regular successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Calcutta aforesaid on such days and at such times as shall to the Brethren appear necessary and be regulated by their By-Laws duly made in conformity with the general Laws of the Craft, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World and further at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren. We do declare the said JOHN CHAUNCE to be the Master of the said Lodge, the said JOHN GRAY to be the Senior Warden, and the said CHARLES MCAFEE to be the Junior Warden, for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed. Strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden of a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his Office. And we do require you the said JOHN CHAUNCE to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all other which may from time to time be made by Our Grand Lodge, transmitted by us or Our Successors, Grand Masters, or by Our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors, Grand Masters or to the Right Honorable CHARLES ANDERSON WORSLEY PELHAM LORD WORSLEY, &c., &c., &c., Our Deputy Grand Master or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a List of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this Our Warrant shall continue in force for so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said JOHN CHAUNCE are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in future of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge a London, this 4th July A.L. 5846, A.D. 1846.

By command of the M.W. GRAND MASTER,

WORSLEY, *D. G. M.*

WILLIAM H. WHITE,
Gr. S.

[True copy of warrant under which Lodge Marine, No. 232, E.C., is at present working. Copied by Brother P. C. Dutt P.M. 234, P.D.G.D.C. Bengal.—ED. F.C.]

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 14th April, when there were present Bros. R. C. Prickett W.M., J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., R. Dowsett P.M. acting S.W., H. Creed J.W., B. W. Bennett acting S.D., W. Hickie J.D., Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, W. Cordrey acting I.G., F. Brown acting D.C., P.M. E. Margrett; also Bros. Kemp, Tegg, Sherwin, Smallwood, Parkes, E. W. Ridley, and S. Knight. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. nominated Bro. J. T. Stransom as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. W. Hickie then brought forward his motion that it is desirable greater facilities be afforded to the brethren for perfecting themselves in Masonic ritual, and explained his views in support of the motion; he considered that a Committee should be appointed to arrange the best means of carrying the same into effect, and that the Permanent Committee be called on to consider the question. This was seconded by Bro. H. Creed J.W., who stated the object of Brother Hickie was to create a greater interest in the working of the business of the Lodge, and that the members should feel they have every opportunity afforded them to perfect themselves in the ritual. Carried. Bro. Creed J.W., proposed, on behalf of Bro. P.M. Palley, that a Committee be formed for the purpose of furthering the election of Bro. P.M. Freeman's son into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the Committee should consist of the Permanent Committee, and that they meet next Wednesday at seven o'clock. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried. Bro. Bennett proposed, and Bro. Hickie seconded, a gentleman as a candidate for initiation. The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

THERE was a goodly muster of members and Visitors at the annual meeting of this young but prosperous Lodge, held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday afternoon, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. A. Scurrah. Just at this season of the year, when Nature is donning its summer livery, a trip into the country is most enjoyable, especially when pleasure is combined with duties of an equally congenial character. Thus the prettily-situated rendezvous at Harrow has become a favourite resort of the brethren of "ye mystic tie," several Lodges having been attracted to this locality. Saturday was an ideal "May-day," *i.e.*, whilst the sun was above the "golden West," and the neatly-kept lawn of the Railway Hotel furnished ample means of recreation for those who sought mental and physical exercise upon the greensward. The accessibility of Harrow from town brought several City friends, and when Lodge was opened, soon after three o'clock, the room was comfortably filled. The W.M. was supported by Bros. C. J. Axford S.W., P. Cheek J.W., C. P. McKay P.M. 720 Secretary, R. M. Surridge S.D., W. H. Burgess J. D., Harry Webb I.G., S. Reece, and A. H. Scurrah Stewards; John Read P.M. 720 Organist, W. M. Stiles P.M. (honorary), Jas. Very Tyler, A. W. Wace, H. W. Parker, E. J. Sadgrove, W. D. Dickenson, J. Dolling, E. R. Clunn, J. Measor (Vice-President of the Girls' School), H. T. Garner, J. Stabbings, F. C. Joseph, A. W. Gerrard, W. H. Maguire, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Jenner W.M. 1964, Edwin Storr P.M. 179, A. J. Fidler W.M. 754, J. V. Baggi, J. Trongi, and J. J. Churchill 776, C. J. Knightley 1744, C. Smith 1328, T. R. Chamley 141, H. Dickey S.W. 1744, H. F. Sheppard 701, H. Sillis 957, and others. Lodge was opened with the regular formalities, when, the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was advanced to the third, and Bros. H. Thornton Garner and J. Trongi, of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, were raised to the sublime degree (the latter by request of Bro. Lovegrove P.M. and Treasurer), the ceremony being most admirably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. W. R. Nelson, of Milton Street, E.C., who had been proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Bro. R. M. Surridge; Mr. Nelson Barry, of Gresham Street, E.C., whose sponsors were the same; Mr. J. W. Ryder, of Crouch End, nominated by Bro. W. H. Burgess, and seconded by Bro. C. Stevens; and Mr. T. A. Nixon, proposed by Bro. Burgess, and seconded by Bro. H. Webb. All were unanimously elected, and Messrs. Nelson, Nixon, and Ryder, being in attendance, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Advancing to the second degree, Bro. Charles Stevens was passed, all the ceremonies being performed in such a manner as to reflect the highest credit on the abilities of the W.M. and the working of the Lodge generally. The brethren proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, their choice falling unanimously on Bro. C. J. Axford, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the preceding twelve months. Bro. H. Lovegrove P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treas., and Bro. James Very Tyler. In consequence of the delay on the part of the other candidates for raising (Bros. Hugh Maguire and J. Stabbings), it was found impossible to get through with the formidable agenda in time to enable the brethren to enjoy comfortably "refreshment after labour;" and the W.M. considerately deferred these ceremonies to an emergency meeting, the date of which will be duly intimated. Bros. Joseph, Parker, and Clunn were appointed as the Audit Committee for the ensuing year. Hearty good wishes were interchanged, and Lodge was closed in due form. It should be mentioned that the musical portions of the ceremonies were efficiently rendered by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. J. Read P.M. 720. Notwithstanding that the company made their appearance at the banquet-table more than a hour later than they had been expected, an excellent repast was spread by Bro. Hamlin, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests were eminently satis-

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factory. The amenities of the evening were sustained in most lively fashion, the Initiates coming in for a reception that is characteristic of the Henry Levander Lodge. The W.M., in proposing "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the Craft," coupled with it the names of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, Earl Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. Owing to the limited time at the disposal of the brethren, he refrained from making any lengthened remarks in connection with the toast, merely observing that the affairs of Grand Lodge were admirably administered by the rulers of the Craft. He then gave the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present. He believed no more worthy Masons or courteous gentlemen existed than those whom he had named, nor were there any who had Freemasonry more thoroughly at heart in the Province of Middlesex. All the Grand Officers had done their duty thoroughly to the Province, and done it admirably well. They had been that evening favoured by the presence of two Provincial Grand Officers, though one of them—their worthy Senior Warden and W.M. elect—had been obliged to leave early. The other, Brother A. G. Fidler, was well known and highly esteemed. He had not known Bro. Fidler for a very long time, but had learned to respect him greatly. He was a quiet, unobtrusive, courteous brother, thoroughly up in the Ritual of Freemasonry, and all that pertained to it. Bro. Fidler, in acknowledging the toast, felt extremely grateful for the kind way in which it had been proposed and received by the brethren; he was sure their excellent Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy highly appreciated the reception which was invariably accorded to their names on occasions like the present. Individually, he thanked them for having associated him with the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, who were all animated with the best wishes for the success of the Henry Levander Lodge. Bro. C. P. McKay P.M. Secretary then assumed the gavel, and in proposing the health of the W.M., said Bro. Scurrah had admirably discharged the arduous duties pertaining to his genial work; in fact, he had accomplished that which no other W.M. had done in this Lodge, and what he feared no other W.M. could possibly achieve. He had been amongst the Charities, high and low, and had taken, he believed, the greatest amount from this Province that had been sent up for many years—about £140 or £150 more than any other Steward had been able to present upon his lists. Therefore, they had in their W.M. a brother who loved Freemasonry from first to last, and who intended to stand by it. He trusted Bro. Scurrah would stand by the Henry Levander Lodge after he had vacated the chair he now filled so worthily. He had shown that affability, that genial, hardworking style which the brethren were hunting for; and now they had so good a man it was their desire to keep him as long as they could. After he had passed the chair, he was one of those active, genial brethren that they would be most anxious to keep amongst them. They would drink to the health of their esteemed W.M. with all good feeling, and he hoped that at some future time they would be able to swell the amounts taken by him to the Charities, even more than they had done in the past. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and in responding, Bro. Scurrah W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily for the compliment they had paid him. He did not know that he could say anything new, or more than he had said on former occasions. He had already told them that the welfare of the Henry Levander Lodge was very dear to his heart, in consequence of his being one of its founders, and he was quite sure that interest would be sustained by him as long as his life should last. He could not let this opportunity pass without thanking all the Officers and brethren of the Lodge for the very kind manner they had acted towards him during the past year; for the way in which the Officers had assisted him in the work he had been called upon to do; and for the generosity and kindness with which every member of the Lodge had treated him. He felt it especially due to them to say this, being the last regular meeting over which he should preside as their W.M., and he would take the opportunity of tendering his very best and most grateful thanks to them for the kind manner in which all the Officers had upheld him in the duties which he had been called upon to perform. As he had said before, he had taken a great and deep interest in Freemasonry, and all that pertained to it. He honoured and admired the principles of the Craft, and held that they were not perfect Masons until they had gone into the Royal Arch. He therefore felt it a duty incumbent upon him to do something to form a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with this Lodge, so that each member of it, if they wished, could be introduced into a Chapter belonging to their own Lodge. He might say that, with the assistance of his dear old friend Bro. Stiles, he had been enabled to accomplish that object, and the matter was to be brought up at the Supreme Grand Council on the following Wednesday evening. He believed, from a communication he had received from that Council, the petition would be granted, and that they would have a Charter of Constitution for a Royal Arch Chapter. Perhaps to some this might seem a small matter, but he thought if they were as thoroughly conversant with Freemasonry as himself, and some other of the brethren around that board, they would feel it was a great privilege to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached to this their mother Lodge. He hoped that many of them—all, in fact, when they were eligible—would become Royal Arch Masons in their own Chapter. Referring to their Senior Warden, who had been compelled to leave them, he should have liked to have proposed his health in the ordinary way as the W.M. elect. It was done on the spur of the moment, as Bro. Axford was leaving the room, and they could not now do anything further; but he must be permitted to say that the brother who had been elected to the chair that day was eminently deserving of the honour. He was a thorough gentleman and a worthy Mason, and it would be within the remembrance of many that at this time last year Bro. Axford, in the most generous and Masonic manner, gave up his right, as S.W. of the Lodge, to be elected W.M., in order that he (the speaker), as J.W., might be elected to that proud position. He took it as a very great privilege, and mark of respect on Bro. Axford's part, that he should have done this, and he would always remain in his memory as a good friend and brother, who acted in the most noble way towards himself. In the future he should, in return, do everything he possibly could to uphold Bro. Axford during his year of office, and as long as they lived and belonged to this Lodge, it would be his pride and privilege to afford him every assistance, and to show his gratitude to, and friendship for, the brother who so nobly manifested his friendship towards himself. He would simply add that, as he had done in the past, so he would endeavour in the future, to do all he could to further the interests of the Henry Levander Lodge, whether as I.P.M., one of the Past Masters, or in whatever office he might hold. It would ever be his pleasure and delight to uphold, and, if possible, to increase, the prestige of this Lodge. The next toast was a very important one; indeed, he might say it was the "toast of the evening," and that was the health of the Initiates. They all knew that in every society or institution, as years rolled on, that institution decreased in numbers, from various causes; many were taken away to foreign parts, others might be removed to the Grand Lodge above, and the members might be reduced to comparatively few. Therefore, it was necessary, in every institution, the membership should be kept up by the infusion of "fresh blood." If so in respect of any other community, how necessary was it in a Masonic body. This Lodge had only been in existence some two years, and, of course, when it commenced their roll was a short one. Gradually it increased, one by one, and two by two, until they arrived at a very fair number. This year he thought he was not wrong in saying he had had the pleasure of initiating eighteen members; and he was not only pleased at the fact that they had been so enabled to increase the numbers of the Lodge, but he believed they had not diminished the quality of it. All the new members brought in were thoroughly worthy and good men, and were proud additions to the strength of the Henry Levander Lodge. If he could say this with regard to those who had gone before, the remark applied equally to the three brethren who had been initiated to-day; they were thoroughly good, solid, genuine additions to the strength of the Lodge. He hoped they would prove by experience genuine Masons, and that they would never have cause to regret having been initiated in this Lodge. The toast having been heartily received, Bro. W. R. Nelson said, after the very interesting song to which they had just listened, from Bro. Joseph, the thought struck him that he and his brother initiates found themselves in a much happier position than did Joseph of old, seeing that they had more brethren. He thanked them for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and hoped he might verify the anticipations of their W.M. by becoming a worthy member of the Fraternity. Bro. J. W. Ryder also briefly returned thanks. This was his maiden attempt at public speaking, but he was pleased that he had an opportunity of returning thanks on such an occasion for a toast that had been so cordially received. He was very much pleased that he had come amongst them, and hoped that they would have no cause to regret having admitted him into their ranks. He should do all he could to acquire a knowledge of the Masonic art, and to increase and multiply the brethren of his Lodge, and he hoped in time to become a useful member of the Craft. The W.M. then gave a hearty welcome to the Visitors. They all knew that in every Lodge Visitors were welcome, and the Henry Levander was not backward in this respect. They were at all times delighted to see Visitors, and the more they had the better they liked it. For a night like this, not being an installation, he thought they had a goodly array, and, in the name of the Lodge, he stretched out the right hand of fellowship to them, saying how very pleased he was to see them, and hoping to have their presence on many a future occasion. He then enumerated the several brethren from other Lodges, and extolled their individual merits. Bro. Edwin Storr was much indebted for the kind way in which the brethren had received him. It was a pleasure to him to visit this Lodge, because he had the happy acquaintance and friendship of many of its members. Although it was not a very old Lodge, yet it showed admirable form, and set a bright example to those whose charter was much older. More especially, the members had characterised themselves by the indefatigable way in which they attended to the working, for which they were to be highly commended. He felt sure the members and future Officers would never be ashamed of the Lodge, or any lack of good working in it. He also thanked them for the very kind invitation they had given him, and the hearty reception they had accorded to the Visitors. He acknowledged the assistance given him by the W.M. and others when they met in the City, as they often did on Monday evenings, and trusted all the brethren would strive to make Freemasonry something more than a name. Their object was not to meet together merely for conviviality, but to try and do good, and to cement the bond of friendship between man and man. That he believed to be the very essence of Masonry. They heard a great deal about Charity, but if they acted truly and honourably towards each other Charity must necessarily come of itself. He was all the more pleased with his association with the members of this Lodge because he believed they tried to act up to the true principles of Masonry that he had indicated. He then mentioned the case of a widow for whom the brethren of his Lodge were endeavouring to secure the benefits of the "Old People's Home" at Croydon. Her late husband had been for forty-three years a subscriber to Grand Lodge, and she was now in the workhouse. Even if the brethen did not succeed in getting her into the Benevolent Institution, they would pension her out, so that she might pass the remainder of her days in comparative comfort. This intimation was received with prolonged applause. Bro. Dicksee also responded. Having known this Lodge since its consecration, it was a pleasure to see how it had grown in numbers and influence, especially under the presidency of their present W.M. He congratulated them upon their working, and said no Lodge in London,

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or in the Province of Middlesex, could do better. Bro. Knightley felt great pleasure in attending this Lodge, especially as their W.M. was one of his oldest friends; and Bro. H. Jenner complimented the brethren upon the quality, as well as the quantity, of the work done that day, and certainly they had had a lot of it. He should take back with him a very good report of the Lodge and its members to the various inhabitants of Harrow who happened to be Masons; and he should not be surprised if at some future time he brought with him a large contingent from the neighbourhood. Bro. Sheppard wished the Lodge God speed with their Royal Arch Chapter, and promised to do all he could to assist in it. He referred to Bro. Storr's efforts to get a widow into the Croydon Institution, and said if every brother would take Brother Terry's advice, and pay their guineas into the funds, it would be a great charity to those poor Masons and widows who were in need of it. He should carry away with him very pleasant reminiscences of his visit to Harrow that day. Time was now announced for the last returning train to town, and the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge, were simply proposed and acknowledged, the Tyler closing the proceedings in due form. Bros. Joseph, Reece, and other brethren varied the speeches of the evening with some excellent songs, and altogether a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

A MOST interesting meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th May, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Bro. George Sercombe W.M., W. S. Westcott S.W., W. T. Horking J.W., L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Treasurer, J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Secretary, W. King S.D., F. Wreford J.D., H. D. Collings D.C., John Hick A.D.C., John Newman O., John Good Steward, J. H. Evans I.G., Edward Radden J.S., W. H. Phillips Tyler, T. King I.P.M., W. Lemon P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain 109 1205 2025, J. Griffen P.M. P.J.G.D., R. Pengelley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. J. Mosey P.M. P.J.G.D., John Du Pre P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. Rosweare P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Cornwall, J. R. Lord P.M. Sec. P.G.D. 970 1255, F. Goodall P.M. Sec. P.P.G.O. 1550 954, E. G. Bird P.M. 1550, P. L. Pears P.M. and Secretary 1247, Charles Pike P.M., A. E. Lean P.M., Alfred Davis 48. Visitors—Bro. Jacques Wynman 188, and several other brethren. Lodge opened with solemn prayer; after each Officer in rotation J.W. to I.P.M. had answered the usual questions, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Griffen (brother to P.M. Griffen), who was unanimously elected and initiated; the working was solemnly and impressively performed. Bro. Lemon intimated to the W.M. that he would act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and trusted that the brethren would support him. It was proposed by Bro. L. D. Westcott, and seconded by Bro. Gover, that the sum of ten guineas be voted to Bro. Lemon; this was unanimously agreed to. Nothing else offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned for light refreshment. The Loyal toast was duly honoured. Bro. Mosey and others responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. W. T. Westcott proposed the health of the W.M., which was received in grand Masonic style. The W.M. replied; he was proud of his position in such a Lodge, where he had the assistance of such an able body of Officers. The next toast was the health of the P.M.'s, the Secretary, Treasurer, and other Officers. Bro. Griffen replied for the P.M.'s, and the S.W. for the other Officers. The Secretary proposed the health of the Initiate, in a pleasant manner and amidst roars of laughter. The Initiate's reply was short, but good. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors; he was pleased to see a representative (Bro. Wynman) from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE amongst them. Bro. Wynman thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hospitality, and for the courtesy they had shown him in proposing his health, in connection with prosperity to this journal. Altogether a very pleasant and social evening was spent.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE members held their regular meeting on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, when there were present Bros. Dewsnap W.M., Wall S.W., Botibol acting as J.W., Gardner S.D., Lenzberg I.G., Dodson P.M. D. of C., Hart Asst. D. of C., Rocco Chaplain, Coombs Steward, Lyon Treasurer, Lazarus P.M. Secretary; also Bros. Martin I.P.M., Spiegel P.M. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. Bott P.M. 1839, Stokes W.M. 1839, Benabo 212, Levy 212, Young 1601, Ridler 214, Seigenberg 1629. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Seigenberg, a candidate for raising, was duly entrusted after he had answered the usual questions to the satisfaction of the brethren present. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Seigenberg was raised. In the course of routine work it was decided to strike off the list of members the names of two brethren who were in arrears with their subscriptions. Bro. Spiegel as senior V.P. proposed that the Bye-laws of the Joppa Benevolent Fund be revised; this was seconded by Bro. Gardner S.D., and carried. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till the first Monday in October. The brethren then partook of a banquet, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and prepared under the superintendence of Bro. Silver, according to Jewish ritual. Fifty-two brethren sat down, and enjoyed themselves in brotherly love. The usual toasts were proposed, and loyal responses given. The health of the P.M.'s and the Joppa Benevolent Fund having been proposed and respectively responded to, the Visitors were complimented, Bros. Stokes, Bott, Siegenberg, Benabo and Young replying. A capital vocal entertainment was provided by Mr. Van Noorden jun. Miss Mabel Fraser played a solo on the violin, and secured an enthusiastic encore.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

THERE was a large and brilliant gathering of West Yorkshire brethren at the usual monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Monday evening, 3rd inst., at Leeds. The Worshipful Master (Bro. A. W. Youings) was surrounded by his Officers and a goodly number of the members, whilst R.W. Bro. Tew P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Bros. Smith D.P.G.M., and many Provincial Officers were on the dais, including Bros. Winn, Beck, Furness, Crowe. Each of the remaining seven Lodges in the town was represented, either by the W.M. or the principal Officers. Bro. Youings raised Bro. Balfour, M.P., to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in a manner which won the admiration of all who heard him. Bro. Jacques P.M. rendered him useful assistance. Afterwards the R.W. P.G.M. initiated into the mysteries of Masonry Mr. T. Greenwood Teale and Mr. Herbert Spinks, in his usual impressive manner. These duties having been performed to the satisfaction and delight of the crowded Lodge-room, hearty good wishes were exchanged and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. Bro. A. Wood, the Steward, had meanwhile prepared a sumptuous banquet, and one of the most pleasant evenings yet spent in this Lodge was enjoyed. There was no lack either of speech or song, and right heartily were the good things appreciated.

AMHURST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Amhurst Arms Hotel, Riverside, near Sevenoaks, on 1st inst., when there was a satisfactory muster of members and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Master Bro. C. J. Craig. He was supported by Bros. E. S. Strange S.W., J. J. Birch J.W., R. Durtnell P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, W. Sparrowhawk S.D., P. Hamner J.D., J. Hamlin D. of C., F. P. Lee and P. Durnell Stewards, A. H. Lee I.G., W. South Tyler; P.M.'s E. J. Dodd P.P.G.O., A. W. Duret, C. J. Dodd, T. J. Baker, C. E. Bach, W. E. Banks, &c. Amongst the Visitors were E. W. J. Hennah P.M. 40 P.P.G.C. Sussex, T. C. Newsom P.M. 1692 P.G.S.B., W. A. Dawson P.M. and A. Richards W.M. 1768 (members of the Board of General Purposes), W. C. Banks P.M. 1768, S. W. Shaw P.M. 709, J. Airey P.M. 1678, Warner W.M. Medway, G. H. Eddis 228, J. Wynman 188, J. W. Boulter, T. P. Grayson 272, Cleave 874, Wing 1674, S. L. Green 1414, J. Hillhouse 225, W. H. Making 1278, Drewitt, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, the ballot was taken for Mr. Leonard Geo. Smith, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Mac Greagh, who were duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being perfectly performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. W. A. Duret then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Edwin Sydney Strange, the Senior Warden for the past year, for the benefit of installation. The very interesting ceremony was performed in admirable style, and after the newly-installed Worshipful Master had been greeted and saluted with the customary honours, he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. C. J. Craig I.P.M., J. J. Birch S.W., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., R. Durtnell P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.P.G.O. Secretary, A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., P. S. Durnell D. of C., C. Hooker Asst. D. of C., A. Ross Organist, T. Baker W.S., W. Lloyd Asst. W.S., S. Hall Standard Bearer, W. South Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren and visitors dined together, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master being enthusiastically received. The Visitors paid the Lodge a high tribute of appreciation, both for its working and hospitality, the toast being replied to by Bro. E. W. J. Hennah and others. In connection with the Press, Bro. J. Wynman's name was associated, and he responded in suitable terms. The proceedings were varied by some capital music and singing, and a most agreeable evening was enjoyed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Baker Bros., the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Fluck W.M., Hancock S.W., Ware J.W., Collingridge Sec., Clark S.D., Richardson J.D., Clark I.G., and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for Monday next. The Percy Lodge of Instruction will rehearse the Fifteen Sections here on Monday, 17th inst. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—At the Wheatsheaf, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. Bros. Austin W.M., Sims S.W., Craggs J.W., Burton S.D., Cavers J.D., Jennings I.G., Davies Preceptor, Chalfont P.M. Sec., Spiegel P.M., Malony, Wood, and a fair attendance of the members. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Brother Malony offered himself as a candidate for passing, and answered the usual questions; Lodge was then opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing very carefully rehearsed. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed with such efficiency that those present, one and all, congratulated the W.M. most heartily.

On Thursday, 6th instant, Bro. Sims W.M., Barton S.W., Austin J.W., Jennings S.D., Perdu J.D., Malony I.G., Davis Preceptor, and a large number of brethren from neighbouring Lodges. After preliminaries, according to announcement Brother Spiegel P.M. gave a lecture on the "Origin of Freemasonry." The lecturer commenced, three generations before the Deluge, with Lamech, who, by his two wives, had four children, who were the originators of the sciences. Continuing to the Tower of Babel, the building of the first and second Temples, he explained how the workmen went to different parts of the world, and the sciences became generally known. He

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ascribed to the days of Athelstan the time Masonry became known in England, where it was patronised by all monarchs, with two or three exceptions. After the historical part, the lecturer began with the old Rituals, and traced them through their various changes to Bros. Preston and Hemmings. The lecture was listened to with great interest, and all present expressed a wish that the lecturer might be induced to have the same printed, for the benefit of the Craft. Several brethren present invited Bro. Spiegel to their respective Lodges to deliver his interesting lecture. In two cases the invitation was accepted, and a cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Spiegel.

The installation meeting of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, was held at the Station Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, Brother W. R. Phillips being installed as Worshipful Master. A full report of the proceedings will be published in our next issue.

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We copy the following from our esteemed contemporary the *Keystone*, of Philadelphia :—

To the Editor of the Keystone.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On Monday evening, 29th March, about forty gentlemen met at Bro. Donaldson's, Broad and Filbert streets, for the purpose of presenting silver watches to the five sailors of the steamship *Lord Gough*, who, under command of Second Officer Roberts, rescued the Officers and crew of the American barque *Cleopatra*, on the 27th of December last, in mid-ocean.

The United States Government had previously recognized the services of the noble fellows by presenting the Captain and Second Officer with gold chronometers, while each of the crew received 25 dollars. The Humane Society of Massachusetts also added 15 dollars to each, and silver medals.

Bro. Captain Hughes, of the steamship *Lord Gough*, in the course of his remarks said, These men are entitled to all the credit which has been given them, and more. But, my dear friends, their bravery falls into insignificance when compared with the heroic conduct of the Captain of the wrecked barque, which, in my humble estimation, far surpasses the historic instances given by the gentleman who preceded me. It was a sublime display of Christian faith and moral courage, which should be inscribed in letters of gold upon the title page of history.

When we sighted the barque in distress, we instantly headed toward her. My request for volunteers was impulsively responded to, and immediate preparations were made to launch a boat. We hove-to when within a safe distance, but on looking toward the wreck we discovered her crew in the act of removing the signal of distress! We were astounded, and for the moment our efforts were relaxed—but the word was quickly given, and the eager crew threw all their strength upon the oars. Tossed and buffeted by the angry sea, the little boat reached the wreck in safety, rescued the fourteen survivors, and returned with her precious freight.

After congratulations had passed, I asked the Captain to explain his singular conduct in raising his flag.

We all believed that we were doomed, and no human power could save us! Therefore, *to prevent any further sacrifice of human life, we requested you to desist in your efforts, and to go your way and leave us to our fate.*

I noticed a tear trickling down the Captain's cheek as he concluded the peroration of the evening, while those who so loudly applauded were also visibly affected.

A surprise was prepared for First Officer Bro. Routledge. Toward the close of the proceedings, Bro. Samuel Sidebotham stepped to the front, and in the name of the assembled company presented that gentleman with a beautiful Masonic Mark, as a memento of his efforts in the rescue at sea.

It is worthy of remark that on this occasion discipline was so far relaxed that captain and crew broke bread together at the same table.

During the course of the evening, remarks were made by Bros. Senator Cooper, J. Fletcher Budd, Esq., John Dornan, John Yard, Henry Taylor, "poet laureate," and others, while a glee club and brass band enlivened the occasion with appropriate selections.

Truly and fraternally,

W. B. REED.

A JUBILEE PUBLICATION.—The fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne is an event which will form one of the memorable epochs in the history of the English nation. In connection with the celebration of the Jubilee Messrs. Cassell and Company announce the publication, in monthly parts, of "The Life and Times of Queen Victoria," with a profusion of high-class illustrations. Part I. of this important work will be ready on 25th May. Each monthly part will contain sixty-four pages the size of *The Quiver*, with a handsome frontispiece. With the first part will be issued a large presentation plate, consisting of a beautiful engraving of the picture by Gourlay Steelle, R.S.A., entitled "A Cottage Bedside at Osborne."

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The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. W. Roebuck, Grand Sword Bearer, Vice-Patron of the Institution. The minutes having been read and confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information, as also was the report of the Audit Committee. Four new petitions were taken into consideration, three of which were accepted, and the boys thereby rendered eligible for the October election, while the other was deferred. Four former pupils of the Institution were awarded grants of £5 each towards outfits, and the usual nominations were made for the House and Finance and Audit Committees, as follows :—House Committee—Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, A. F. Godson Deputy Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire, Henry W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, James Moon, J. Joyce Murray, William Paas, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Dudley Rolls, Charles Saunders, M.D., and Henry Venn. Finance and Audit Committee—Bros. C. E. Soppet, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, T. Cubitt P.G.P., T Griffiths, G. P. Gillard, G. Cooper, H. S. Goodall, and S. Richardson, nominated by Bro. G. P. Britten; and Bro. W. H. Saunders, nominated by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards in connection with the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer having been voted to the chair, the Officers of the Board were elected, the following brethren being appointed :—Lieut.-Col. Hon. Sackville West P.G.W. President; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, H. B. Marshall (P.G. Treasurer), Edgar Bowyer (P.G. Standard Bearer), and J. L. Mather Hon. Presidents; A. F. Godson (Deputy Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire), and A. M. Broadley acting Presidents; C. F. Hogard Honorary Treasurer, and F. Binckes (Secretary of the Institution) Honorary Secretary. It was determined that the Festival should take place at Brighton. The Stewards' fee having been fixed at two guineas, and a Committee appointed to make the necessary musical arrangements, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote to the Chairman. The next meeting of the Board will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 7th June.

The installation meeting of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, will be held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday, the 10th inst., at four o'clock, when Bro. F. Seager Hunt will be installed as Worshipful Master. There are four candidates for passing and two for initiation coming forward at the meeting, so that a busy day may be expected.

The Dover Freemasons are having a Masonic temple erected near the General Post Office. The object is to enable the whole of the Lodges to meet under the same roof.

The Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185, meets every Friday evening, from 7·30 till 9.30, at the Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N.

We are sorry to see that one of the essentially "ladies' day" in connection with Freemasonry is likely to be shorn this year of its attractiveness. At the first meeting of the Board of Stewards of the coming Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, held on Thursday, at 8A Red Lion Square, it was decided to hold the Festival at the Holborn Restaurant, instead of at the Crystal Palace. The Stewards' fee was fixed at 42s, and Wednesday, the 28th July as the date of the Festival. Bro. Rev. A. H. Cummings was elected President of the Board, C. H. Driver Treasurer, and C. F. Matier Secretary.

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BROTHER SIR HENRY EDWARDS, BART., C.B., P. PROV. GRAND MASTER OF WEST YORKS.

IN our last issue reference was briefly made to the departure from our ranks of one who for a long series of years had filled a high and important sphere in the Masonic Fraternity, as well as in those positions which naturally belong to a country gentleman and landowner. Few men have taken a more active part in public affairs, and the life so usefully spent for, at any rate half a century, has closed amidst universal expressions of regret. Our deceased brother for more than forty years represented Yorkshire constituencies in the House of Commons, and the result of his labours forms no blank page on the Statute-book of the realm. As Justice of the Peace for his Division of the premier county, as foreman of the Grand Jury at the county assizes, as High Sheriff of Yorkshire, and in other capacities he was equally assiduous; whilst he was ever foremost in local and parochial matters, expending his time, money, and influence in the promotion and management of institutions calculated to promote some good and benevolent object. He was, moreover, the founder of the Second West Yorkshire Yeomanry Cavalry, of which he was appointed captain in 1843, and we are told by those who knew him best how highly his hearty, though costly, service had endeared him to that fine body of men. In all relations of life he was deservedly beloved, and his removal by the hand of Death has left a gap which it will not be easy to fill. We have often had occasion to refer to the great and useful part which our deceased brother took in the Craft, attending with zeal and discretion to the administration of the business of his Province, which comprises no fewer than sixty-nine Lodges. The records published in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE reveal how constant he was in his attendance, not merely at the meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge, but at many of the gatherings in various parts of the West Riding which came under his immediate surveillance; and perhaps nowhere will his genial presence be more sorely missed than at the gatherings of the "mystic tie," whereat his kindly words of counsel and encouragement so frequently fell on admiring and appreciative ears. Only about eighteen months ago the hon. baronet was compelled, through failing health, to resign his appointment as Prov. Grand Master, the first Mason on whom the Grand Master conferred that dignity; and his place has been supplied by the election to that high office of Bro. T. W. Tew, of Pontefract. The heartiness with which he entered into the duties of his Masonic profession was not less ardent than that which characterised his other positions of responsibility, and won for him the heartfelt and sincere admiration of the whole of the brethren, not only in his Province, but the Craft in general, amongst whom his name was as "a household word." Our beloved brother, who had been ailing for some time, passed peacefully away at his residence, Pye Nest, Halifax, on the 23rd ultimo, he being then in the seventy-fourth year of his age. Although it appears to have been his wish, and that of his family, that the obsequies should take as quiet and unostentatious a form as possible, it was only natural that those by whom he had been so long surrounded, and who had learned to appreciate his high and genuine qualities, should manifest a desire to pay a last tribute of affectionate respect to their lost friend, neighbour, and benefactor. Muffled peals were tolled from the churches on the morning of the funeral, whilst flags were flying at half-mast over all the public and other buildings in Halifax. All classes of the community seemed to evince a desire to show some tribute of respect to one who had lived and grown old amongst them; and there were not a few amongst those who had experienced the true Masonic maxim he ever practised, that Charity is twice blessed, both to him who gives and to him who receives. The procession was marshalled in the town about nine o'clock, the various contingents taking up positions on the road leading to Pye Nest, ready to fall into the places allotted to them. The Loyal Gregorean Society, the Halifax and Calder Agricultural Association, the Conservative Associations, the Mayor and Corporation, the Rifle and Artillery Volunteers, and the Yeomanry Cavalry, all took part in the *cortège*; whilst the brethren of the Province, who mustered in great force at the Masonic Hall, each wearing a sprig of acacia as a button-hole, formed a conspicuous feature in the mournful pageant. As the bier was borne by loving hands from the family mansion and placed upon the hearse, the band of the Second West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers played the Dead March in *Saul*, and the procession moved away in the direction of King Cross, amidst a throng of thousands of sympathetic spectators, who lined the way with heads uncovered for a considerable distance. All the shops were closed *en route*, and the windows of private houses had the blinds drawn in token of respect. After the cortège followed the friends and representatives of the public bodies in which Sir Henry had taken an active and life-long interest, the procession extending for half a mile or more. The Prov. Grand Lodge was represented as follows—Bros. T. W. Tew (Pontefract) R.W. Prov. G.M., Henry Smith (Bradford) W.D.P.G.M., Thos. Hill P.P.G.W. (Mayor of Bradford), J. R. Armytage (Bradford) P.P.G.W., B. Broughton (Bradford) P.P.G.W., J. Ambler (Bradford), Thos. H. Holmes (Baildon), Herbert G. E. Green (Wakefield) Prov. G. Sec., John Wordsworth (Wakefield) P.P.J.W., Capt. H. Stansfeld (Wakefield), J. W. Mouck-

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As the procession moved off in the direction of the cemetery the military bands played funeral marches, and the almost unbroken lines of spectators, the great length of the cortège, both military and civilian, all tended to show how general were the expressions of sorrow, and the varied character of the procession testified how worthily and voluntarily the late baronet had been associated with others in public institutions and organisations which have a prominent place in the history of this part of Yorkshire. The distance from Pye Nest to All Saints' Church is about two miles, and the procession occupied three-quarters of an hour in passing any given point. On reaching the Church each portion of the procession opened out and lined the sides of the road, the Yeomanry, hearse, and relatives passing forwards to the sacred edifice, followed by the other mourners. The Rev. Canon Pigou, vicar of Halifax; the Rev. J. H. Warneford, vicar of All Saints'; and the Rev. E. Snepp, vicar of St. Paul's, King Cross (where for many years the deceased baronet and his family had worshipped) met the coffin at the gates, and the Rev. J. H. Warneford repeated the opening sentences of the impressive burial service of the Church of England. The coffin was carried on the shoulders of eight men to the chancel, were it was placed in the centre, and the sweet perfume arising from the beautiful flowers in which it was enshrouded, particularly of the heliotrope, filled the sacred edifice. While the procession filed into the church, the organist, played the "Dead March" from *Saul*. A limited number of ladies and gentlemen had been admitted to the church before the arrival of the cortège; clergy occupied seats reserved for them in the chancel. The handsome little church was crowded to its utmost capacity, but, of course, a very large proportion of those who took part in the procession had to remain outside, including the military. The Rev. Canon Pigou read the 90th Psalm, the clergy giving the responses; and the lesson from 1st Cor. xv. was read by the Rev. J. H. Warneford. The Rev. E. Snepp, as vicar of the parish in which Sir Henry died, performed the actual ceremony of interment, the concluding portion of the burial service being undertaken by the Rev. Canon Pigou. The newly-made vault, which is situate at the south-westerly portion of the churchyard, was a pretty scene, having been tastefully decorated by Mr. Derricott, gardener at Pye Nest. At the bottom was a large cross of primroses and white arabis, whilst the sides were lined with leaves of the laurel, holly, and fir, relieved with bunches of double daffodils. The top and edges of the tomb were also lined with moss, upon which were placed bunches of primroses, wild daffodils, and blooms of the rhododendron. In the centre of the western sides of the cavity was also a large cross, composed of double daffodils. The body was enclosed in a shell of stained pitch pine, with strong outer case of polished English oak, and the brass mountings were of an elaborate description. The plate bore the following inscription:

Sir Henry Edwards, Bart, C.B.,
of Pye Nest Yorkshire.
Born 20th July 1812.
Died 23rd April 1886.

After the service at the grave side had been concluded, floral tributes of affection were placed in the tomb by the members of the family of the deceased baronet; and afterwards, numerous wreaths, sprigs of acacia, and other floral offerings were deposited on the coffin by the Freemasons and other friends of the departed. During the rest of the day thousands availed themselves of the opportunity of viewing the grave. From all parts of the Kingdom wreaths and floral crosses were sent to Pye Nest, whilst many were deposited in the tomb by the mourners present. The brethren of the Province presented a wreath composed of four lilies, white camelias, and white roses, containing within a circle and double triangle of violet cinerarias having the simple gardenia in the centre. Another, a wreath of acacia, was from the brethren of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, "in token of heartfelt sympathy with Lady Edwards and family." The eight Leeds Lodges also sent a wreath. The W.M., Officers, Past Masters, and brethren of the Aire and Calder Lodge (Goole) of Free and Accepted Masons sent a wreath of white flowers, having the initial "E." in blue hyacinths, "in token of sorrowing sympathy with Lady Edwards and family." Affectionate references were made to the decease of our esteemed brother at the West Riding Court on Saturday, and at the parish churches in various parts of the West Riding on Sunday, similar expressions being made at the Easter vestry meetings and the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. We understand that Bro. Wm. Day Keyworth jun., of London and Hull (the sculptor of the recumbent statue of the late Archdeacon Musgrave in the Halifax Parish Church), has taken a very successful cast of the features of the late Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. This was done shortly after death.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—Accustomed as Mr. Wilson Barrett must be to the intoxicating excitement of a triumphant "first night," even his well-trained nerves must have been strangely thrilled by the enthusiastic reception given to "Clito," the new tragedy of which he and Mr. Sydney Grundy are the happy parents. Those who had been present on the first nights of "The Lights o' London," "The Silver King," and "Claudian" might have supposed that the delight of the audience could rise to no higher crescendo, but all former welcomes were certainly outdone on Saturday last, when each descending act was followed by ever-increasing recalls. At the close of the exciting scene at the end of Act IV., the audience seemed determined to bring on Mr. Grundy, but he as resolutely refused to appear, preferring not to take his ovation until the whole of his elaborate work had been set forth. Then, as a blushing young nineteenth centurian, he was led forward, as it were, by a graceful embodiment of the Fourth B.C., in the person of Mr. Wilson Barrett. The story of "Clito" is extremely simple and human; a story that might thrill the hearts of men and women, irrespective of its *mise-en-scène* or local colour. A young man of high ambition and generous heart is tricked into loving a worthless woman, and by this fatal infatuation finds hope, and life, and honour all hopelessly wrecked. Mr. Barrett gives a most sympathetic and manly portrait of the hero—graceful, and with that charm of personal beauty befitting a young Athenian. In his scenes of passion he rises to piercing eloquence—electrifying the house. Miss Eastlake, as Helle, the wicked enchantress, proved a startling revelation, even to those who have most believed in her powers. In her cynical triumph in evil, in the mockery of her laughter, there was a demoniac ring, though always the fascination of her loveliness gave a more poignant intention to her pitiless intent. Miss Eastlake paints the courtezan, not with the false sentiment of the Dame Aux Camelias, but with the unrelenting touch of the moralist who would show us the hateful thing hidden beneath the glamour of false beauty; she seizes the anticipations of the authors, and, fearlessly trusting herself to the guidance of tragic passion, she dares to give such a portrait of a lost soul glorying in evil as the stage has rarely seen. Then, when she has brought death and ruin on her dupes, and she must fly for her life, Miss Eastlake shows us how this mocking Messalina becomes as abject as she has been arrogant, and cringes at the feet of Clito for "life; only a little life." All the parts in the piece are adequately filled, but especially characteristic is the acting of Mr. Willard, as the reckless voluptuary, with silken draperies and jewelled hair. Only just now and again his delivery of the blank verse showed a tendency to colloquial carelessness, but he made of a small part a most important feature in the picture. Miss Carrie Coote was charming in the small part of Clito's foster-sister. We may expect much from this young lady's sincerity and grace of method. The scenery is very fine, but not laboured to make lines in the advertisements. Each act has one scene, much to the advantage of the action, which thus smoothly passes without breaking the attention of the spectators by revolving scenery and the passes which go to destroy stage illusion. The pictures of Athenian interiors are exquisite in their artistic completeness. The burning incense, the falling fountains, the roses, and soft music of lutes, in Helle's chamber—this picture would alone repay a visit to the theatre. The acting, the mounting, the plot, the dialogue are all so admirable that we can only say it will doubtless be long before so good a play can be given us by a modern author.

The Royal Academy.—Every year the exhibition at Burlington House appears to deteriorate; the general verdict, endorsed even by the President himself is that this year the show is an exceptionally poor one. There is hardly a picture of any importance that would bear a prominent place in the French Salon, excepting those that have come thence. The really fine pictures may be counted on the fingers of one hand. Mr Sargent's portrait of Mrs. Vickers and the group of the Misses Vickers, Mr A. Moore's "Silver," Mr. Burne Jones's "The Depths of the Sea," M. Fantin's "Autour du Piano," about closes the list. But what is most lamentable is the evidence of poverty of ideas in the men who have already made their reputation. When the Academicians and Associates do not absolutely repeat themselves, they imitate each other. Mr. Herbert is of course well to the fore, but it is useless to complain of the decrepitude of this artist when comparatively young men—such as Messrs.

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Long, Poynter, Brett—give us works which are not far preferable. Mr. Sargent really excels himself; every year he improves in delicacy, and he never loses his breadth. No. 195 is a full length portrait of a lady in grey, standing with a large white flower in her hand. It is admirable in every respect. In quality of painting the fresh brilliant colour, the clear hard drawing, the spirited and natural attitude of this portrait contrasts favourably with the rancid shadows, pasty lights, and flabby outlines of the portrait of Sir John Millais, for instance, by Mr. Frank Holl. We are told that mere quality of painting is not everything; that human interest is needed to make a fine picture, that without charm and personality all art is at an end, &c.; the *Spectator* especially lecturing in this strain. We are quite ready to grant all this, but surely the *Spectator* is begging the question when it applies its strictures to Mr. Sargent's work. There is as much grasp of character, refinement of expression, ease and charm of style in the portraits of the Misses Vickers as in anything that Sir John Millais ever painted, and as to "mere" quality, there is absolutely no comparison. It is absurd to assume that exquisite painting necessarily excludes human interest, or that a badly painted picture can possibly be a fine work of art. Moreover, bad painting is always rampant in the English Academy. We far prefer the pure English school of Turner, Constable, Walker, Hunt, and we may even include Burne Jones, to the mixture of all influences that we perceive on the walls of the Academy. Oily unpleasant quality of flesh painting is a blemish that is continually thrusting itself upon the eye of the critic. A sort of epidemic of jaundice seems to have broken out, and yearly is on the increase. Mr. Pettie especially delights in red shadows and yellow lights. His "Musician" is dying, apparently, of a bad bilious attack, the yellow shadows in the face being most alarming. The unfortunate elderly gentleman in the sequel to the "Marriage de Convenance" looks merely as if he were feeling the effects of too frequent application to the wine which his butler was pouring out two years ago. The same faults of over richness of colour in shadow we find in Mr. Seymour Lucas's "Peter the Great at Deptford," and in various other pictures. Taking the galleries in their order, Mr. Henry Moore justifies his election with two fine pictures,—"A Breezy Morning," and "The Harbour's Mouth." Of his two others, "The Sound of Isla" appears to us rather hot and stale in colour. Mr. Knighton Warren gives us an agreeable surprise this year; he started as an imitator of that feeblest of painters Mr. Long, but now he comes out with an original solidly painted portrait of "The Marquis Tseng." He has not mitigated a shade of the brilliant uniform, and yet, unlike the ghastly garishness of Mr. Logsdail, the bright colours are only subordinate. Mr. Poynter has executed a portrait of the Marquis of Ripon that is truly amazing. The face is of the quality of a brass medallion, utterly without relief, and of a peculiarly hot orange colour. We pass over Mr. Long and his cats. Mr. Goodall has gone in for elaborate detail in "Puritan and Cavalier," and "Old Maid," but the painting is thin and feeble, as is most apparent in the chalky quality of the faces. Mr. E. Wyly Grier's "Amateur" is not at all amateurish, the picture being full of light, and the figure well drawn and unconventional. Mr. Albert Moore's "Silver" has much of his peculiar charm of tone, colour and scheme, and is rather an improvement on late years. Mr. Pettie is one of the cleverest and strongest of British artists, but the unfortunate defect of which we have spoken is always in the way. The portrait of Mr. Ritchie is no exception; and although it is vigorous and life-like, it is most unpleasant. M. Mount London has a clever picture, with a quotation from Matthew Arnold; two shaggy Celtic youths carving flutes out of reeds. This picture is decidedly French in style, notwithstanding its English quotation. In the next Gallery, No. VI., there is some good painting in "Domino," by Mr. Frank Bramley, but the use of the French flat brush is a little too obvious. Mr. John Collier is not at his best in the portraits of the daughters of William Reed, Esq. By far his richest portraits, it appears to us, are in the Grosvenor. "Maenads," in Room VIII., is Academic, but uninteresting. Mr. W. H. Margetson, whose work we have not before noticed, has two portraits of some importance, of which we prefer "The Squire's Daughter," which is rather in the style of Mr. Boughton. Mr. Logsdail's "Preparation for the Procession" is simply awful, in its frantic dottings of colour. Brilliant colour is very well in its way, but there should be some scheme or sanity. Here there is none. His other picture, a Venetian "Al Fresco," is even more grotesque; being an out-of-door subject, the total absence of tone and atmosphere is enough to make one's eyes ache. It is a pity to see cleverness devoted to making colour scream like a fishwife. Mr. Reid's "Shipwreck" is very dramatic, and is of course a good work of art, as all his pictures are, but the treatment is rather ghastly, and there is a queer lurid light over the front of the picture that does not appear natural. "Preparing for Christmas," an Irish interior, is a pleasant piece of tone and colour, by Mr. Helmick. In the next gallery a glance did not show us anything strikingly good. Mr. Seymour Lucas in "Peter the Great" is—Mr. Seymour Lucas; we need say no more; just as Mr. Marcus Stone also is—Mr. Marcus Stone, and Mr. Luke Fildes none other than himself. Perhaps repetition is better than imitation—we know not. To proceed. In Gallery No. VIII. is Mr. Sargent's "The Misses Vickers," which we have mentioned before. Suffice it to say here, that it justifies the expectations of it which were aroused by its high position last year in the French Salon. Mr. Solomon J. Solomon, determined to make a frantic bid for Academic success, has thrown aside his realistic palette, and executed a large classical piece, "Cassandra" being torn from the altar by some Greek hero—(is it Ajax?) We cannot congratulate Mr. Solomon on his new departure. The movement of the figures is at once conventional and extravagant, the painting is not all that could be desired, and the tragedy is cheap; in fact, one might say, in the style of Dr. Johnson, that the picture is ill-conceived, ill-executed, and ill-hung. Mr. T. Lavery has two clever, broadly-painted effects, which should be noticed here. The gallery of cabinet pictures is not so interesting as last year, although Mr. Sidney Starr contributes a charming impression of "Finchley Road," and Mr. Toovey also shows real progress in "The Nimble Penny"—a study of a crowd round a Cheap Jack, which is Loudon all over. Mr. L. Bernard Hall shows one of his small, clever portraits, and Miss Ellen Cooke's "Roses" appears to us the best of the ten versions of that much hackneyed subject in this gallery, even including Messs. Fantin and Alma Tadema. In Gallery X "'Twixt Power and Duty," by John Bowie, has all the faults of Mr. Pettie, with none of his strength. Mr. Colin Hunter comes out in a new branch in his portrait of Miss Alice Lyall, which we cannot consider a success, in spite of his subject. In Gallery XI., Mr. Herman G. Herkomer has a portrait of a grey-haired lady, "Mrs. Stobart," which is quite worthy of Hubert C. Mr. Henry Moore's best picture, in our opinion, is in this room. Mr. Fantin seldom favours us with such an important work as his roomful of portraits in "Autour du Piano," and we welcome it all the more. Usually he presents us with a rather hackneyed version of flowers, but when he does come out in portraiture he shows his great power. Altogether, we consider the exhibition a poor one—not because Mr. Herbert is exasperating, not because Mr. Long is ridiculous, not because Mr. Brett is extravagant, but because the newer men are disappointing by their absence or failure. Where is Mr. Gregory? What has become of Mr. Herkomer? What is the matter with Mr. Bartlett? Why, oh! why sky Mr. Lemon? Whither is Mr. Logsdail going? Why does Mr. Soholderer hide himself in the Water-colour Room? All these questions are harassing us. Even the assumption that the artists are neglecting the Academy and sending their best works to other galleries does not account for the feebleness of the whole. The general average is fair, but Art does not go by averages, but by individuals.

Saturday, the 15th inst., has been appointed for the Private View of the Summer Exhibition of the Nineteenth Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 17th inst.

Alhambra.—The programme provided by the management of this popular place of amusement for the Easter Holidays has resulted in an all-round success. Variety of every kind is the predominant feature, and, with the aid of an excellent band, a most enjoyable evening can now be spent here. The brothers James go through their acrobatic performance with infinite grace; while great fun is caused by Professor Wingfield's leaping dogs. The marvellous agility displayed by the two Arabs, Abachi and Mazus, is rightly received with rapturous applause; and, in fact, we have rarely seen a more clever performance. The Hanlon Voltas go through their entertainment upon the triple bars, while Nellie L'Estrange, Jenny Hill, Maud and Charlie Ross, Mdlle. Pacra, and J. W. Rowley render good service in carrying out the programme. A special feature of the evening is Mr. Leo. Stormont's rendering of the song "The Shamrock and the Rose." The successful ballets, "Nina" and "Le Bivouac" still meet with much favour. During the evening the band, under the direction of M. Cazaubon, gives three selections, the last, "Souvenir de Belgrade," bringing a most successful entertainment to a close. The management announce that they will shortly produce "Cupid," a new ballet divertissement, in which Signorina Besone will make her appearance.

The Dramatic Students.—The fourth performance by the members of this Society will take place at the Royalty Theatre (kindly lent for the occasion by Miss Kate Santley), on Thursday, the 13th day of May 1886, at 2.30, when will be produced the Rev. James White's drama, "The King of the Commons."

Bro. W. Waller, of 84 and 86 Tabernacle Street, E.C. (late of Drury Lane), has just issued the 20th edition of his catalogue of theatrical costumes and furnishings, which will be found interesting and useful to many who are fond of participating in histrionic entertainments, whether of the professional or amateur character. There are an increasing number of young people who adopt the rational and cultivated recreation of dramatic representations; and often they are at fault to find the means of securing those accessories which are indispensable to the production of their pieces. They cannot do better than seek the aid of Bro. Waller, who has received hundreds of testimonials from a satisfied *clientèle* as to the manner in which he has catered for them.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT FALKIRK.

ONE of the most imposing spectacles ever witnessed in Falkirk was the funeral of Bro. John Gillespie, which took place a few days since, with Masonic honours. The brethren were marshalled in the Town Hall, and from there they went to the house of the deceased, in Callender Road, in order of seniority, the youngest, No. 588, taking the lead, headed by the band of the Falkirk Ironworks, which played the "Dead March in Saul." The procession left Callender Road at two o'clock, and all along the streets the way was lined with spectators, and the shutters of all the shops were closed as a mark of respect. Arrived at the last resting-place, the coffin was borne by eight of the brethren of the deceased brother's Lodge, and the others closed in around the grave, where the service appointed for the burial was conducted by the chaplain.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. In the absence of the regular Grand Officers the chair of Z. was filled by Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, that of H. by Comp. James Glaisher, and that of J. by Comp. J. Sampson Peirce. There were also present Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., the Rev. Thomas Robinson S.N., Robert Grey President of the Committee of General Purposes; Baron de Ferrieres as 1st A.S., the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope as 2nd A.S. The minutes having been confirmed, the acting Z. announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was, by virtue of that office, Grand Z. of England for the year. His Royal Highness had appointed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Z., while the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom was, by virtue of his Deputy Grand Mastership in Grand Lodge, H. of Grand Chapter. The Grand Z. had appointed the Right Hon. Lord Leigh J., Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., and the right Hon. the Earl of Limerick S.N., Comps. Robert Grey President of the Board of General Purposes, D. P. Cama Grand Treasurer, and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. The Companions were invested with the other collars of Grand Chapter:—

Comp. the Rev. J. Nelson Palmer	...	Principal Sojourner
W. Mortimer Heath	...	1st Assistant Sojourner
Ralph Clatton	...	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. E. Le Feuvre	...	Sword Bearer
Rudolph Glover	...	1st Standard Bearer
H. Trueman Wood	...	2nd Standard Bearer
Wm. Roebuck	...	3rd Standard Bearer
George Toller	...	4th Standard Bearer
Frank Richardson	...	Director of Ceremonies
E. Dean Davis	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Wm. Clarke ...	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Wilhelm Kube	...	Organist
Henry Sadler ...	...	Janitor

Comp. Philbrick then read a communication from the Grand Z., to the effect that, in recognition of the distinguished services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry for many years past by E. Comp. Thomas Fenn Past Grand Sword Bearer, His Royal Highness had been pleased to confer upon him the rank and precedence of a Past President of the Committee of General Purposes, which he requested the acting Z. to duly announce to Grand Chapter. Companion Philbrick could scarcely express the pleasure it gave him to be the means of conveying to Grand Chapter this announcement of an honour as worthily deserved as he believed it was well bestowed. Every Companion knew how thoroughly this great mark of His Royal Highness's favour was deserved by Comp. Fenn, and it was fully appreciated by the Companions. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes, which we published in our last issue, was taken as read, duly received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Comp. Robert Grey P.A.G. Soj. President of the Committee moved, and Comp. J. Lewis Thomas seconded, the granting of the eight warrants for new Chapters for which petitions had been received, as also the granting of a centenary warrant for the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3. Comp. Grey said that, with respect to the Chapter which had exalted a brother before he had been twelve months a Master Mason, it was only a few days within the year, and it appeared in this case, as he believed it was in others, the Companions took the date of initiation instead of the date of the raising, and that they had unwittingly fallen into error. Perhaps if this was made known among the Order generally the mistake would be avoided in the future.

The acting Z. stated that the new Royal Arch Regulations provided that the Committee of General Purposes should consist of the Grand Principals, a President, and two other members to be nominated by the Grand First Principal at the Quarterly Convocation in May, and six other members to be elected by Grand Chapter at the same Convocation. Whereupon Col. Shadwell H. Clerke informed the M.E.Z. that the Prince of Wales had appointed Comp. Robert Grey President of the Committee, and Comps. E. Letchworth and Robert Turtle Pigott the two nominated members. Comps. C. F. Hogard, Geo. Lambert, J. L. Mather, F. Davison, W. A. Dawson, and James Lewis Thomas were elected by Grand Chapter to complete the Committee. The appeal of Companion Joseph Dawson P.Z. 832 was then considered and subsequently dismissed, after which Grand Chapter was closed. It was announced during the meeting that the new Royal Arch Regulations were ready for distribution.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Monday last, at Colchester, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, Ex-Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. The business meeting was held in the handsome library of Colchester Castle (kindly lent by Bro. James Round, M.P.), and commenced at two o'clock, with the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, held at Southend, on 19th November 1884. The P.G.S.E. then called the roll of the Chapters, which showed them all to be represented, the total number of members for 1885 being 114, as against 110 in 1884. The Auditors reported a balance in hand of £25 17s 6d. The Officers of the year were appointed and invested as under—

Comp. Vero W. Taylor P.Z. 270	...	P.G.H.
Alfred Welch P.Z. 51	...	P.G.J.
T. J. Ralling P.Z., S.E. 51 (3rd year)		P.G S.E.
George Cowell P.Z. 214 ...	...	P.G.S.N.
Thomas King Z. 1000 ...	...	P.G. Registrar
Frank Whitmore P.Z. 276	...	P.G.P.S.
Arthur Mead J. elect 276...	...	P.G. 1st Assistant
James S. Frazer Z. 214 ...	...	P.G. 2nd Assistant
Thomas Rix P.Z. 51 ...	...	P.G. Sword Bearer
W. D. Merritt Z. elect 1000	...	P.G. Standard Bearer
Albert Lucking P.Z. 1000 (3rd year)		P.G. Dir. of Cers.
Osmond Org. 51 ...	...	P.G. Organist
A. W. Martin 1000 ...	...	P.G. Janitor

On the motion of Ex-Comp. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.Z. and S.E. 276 P.P.G.H., seconded by Ex-Comp. A. C. Veley P.Z. 276, Ex-Comp. Andrew Durrant P.Z. and Treas. 276 was re-elected P.G. Treas. The Grand Superintendent, in his address to the Companions, explained that in the ordinary course of things their meeting would have been held in the autumn, but at that time the country was in the turmoil of the General Election, and it was considered advisable to postpone it. The returns read by the P.G.S.E. showed that not only had the Chapters maintained their ground, but had made steady progress. That, he thought, was a subject for congratulation, especially in these times, and situate as they were in the midst of an agricultural district suffering under an unprecedented state of depression. He was glad to note that there were signs of increased activity among the R.A. Masons of the Province, for only last week the brethren of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, meeting at Romford, sanctioned an application to the Grand Chapter for a Chapter to be attached to their Lodge. Should H.R.H. the Grand Z. be pleased to accede to the prayer of the petitioners, a Chapter at Romford would fill the void occasioned by the removal of the Brentwood Chapter to Chingford. Having referred to the recent revision of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and explained some of the provisions thereof, the Grand Superintendent congratulated the Comps. upon the harmony that prevailed in the Province, and expressed a hope that when they next met they should be able to report further progress. On the motion of the P.G.H., seconded by the P.G.J., the sum of £10 10s was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Ex-Comp. George Cooper P.Z. and S.E. 214 said he was authorised to invite the Grand Superintendent to hold his next meeting under the banner of the Hope and Unity Chapter, at Chingford. The Grand Superintendent said he should be pleased to accede to the kind invitation of the Comps. of the Hope and Unity Chapter, and thanked them for it. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Round for his kindness in granting the use of the Castle Library, and to Miss Philbrick (sister of the Grand Superintendent) for a thoughtful present of button-hole bouquets. P.G. Chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the Comps adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was well served by the host (Comp. Hart), the Grand Superintendent presiding. Among the R.A. Masons present, in addition to the Officers mentioned above, were—Ex-Comps. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.P.G.H., George Cooper P.P.G.J., E. England Phillips P.P.G.J., Fred. Wood P.P.G.S.N., G. F. Jones P.P.G.P.S., W. Sowman P.P.G.A.S., James P. Lewin P.P.G. Swd. Br., John J. C. Turner P.P.G.O., A. C. Veley P.Z. 276, J. E. Wiseman P.P.G. Std. Br.; and Comps. John Dean 51, R. D. Poppleton 51, J. G. Potton 51, A. S. B. Sparling S.E. 51, George Harrison P.S. 51, Charles Godfrey 214, and Edmund Gowers 51. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from ex-Comps. Shadwell Clerke P.G.S.E., Major-General Laurie G. Supt. Nova Scotia, the Rev. C. J. Martyn G. Supt. Suffolk, T. F. Halsey, M.P., G. Supt. Herts, G. E. Lake P.G.S.E. Herts, W. H. Jarrold P.G.S.E. Cambs. and N. Tracy P.G.S.E. Suffolk.—*Essex Standard.*

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, by special invitation, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 17th May, at 7 o'clock. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 S.W., R. W. Galer S.W. 1366 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Barnett, Garner, Turner, Jenkins, Fenner, Beatton, Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. Hancock, Dixie, Giddings, Kirk, Gush. Third Lecture—Bros. Williams, Weedon, Cross. Bro. Collingridge 1677 Secretary.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 8th MAY.

173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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
1886—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
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.

1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

MONDAY, 10th MAY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
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
2031—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
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
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
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—Ebor cum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Hardyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Lukinfield
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyrie, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1258—Kenyon, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th MAY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
[illegible]—Cornhill-final, Bedford Hotel, 9 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
[illegible]—Denmark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
[illegible]—Earl de Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall (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—[illegible], Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, Euston 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.)
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
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
1919—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. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheokheaton
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 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
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. 263—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. 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, 12th MAY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—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)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southward Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
534—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.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Cloppal Street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
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—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., West Minster, at 7.30 (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Manor Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Gunnersbury, New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1988—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Preston, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beckenham Lake
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Durham
291—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
360—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
484—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Gainsbirk
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
755—St. Thomas, Freemasons's Hall, Lansdowne
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.45. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1034—Fletcher, Mason's Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1090—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1249—Lewisses, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1278—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1743—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough

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1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 280—St. Walstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 296—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 13th MAY.

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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
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.)
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)
1435—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.
1568—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1596—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1626—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 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, 86 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
206—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
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
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
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.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
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, Caerleon
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
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
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 14th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
157—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)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (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. 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
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, 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 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, Woolbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 15th MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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)
1594—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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
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

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Waltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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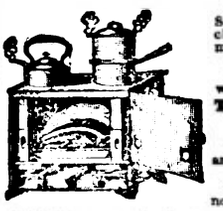

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THE second great Festival in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Craft is rapidly drawing near, the Ninety-eighth Anniversary being fixed for Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. In anticipation of these events, it is usual to take a forecast as to the prospects of success likely to attend the efforts being put forth te secure a satisfactory result; and it would be cheering if that outlook had assumed a somewhat more rosy character than it is our lot to contemplate on the eve of this Festival. From a variety of causes, which it is perhaps difficult to give an adequate account for, those prospects are not so promising as we should desire to see them. It would be absolutely wrong were we dissatisfied with what has been done at the last few Festivals, because the results have in the aggregate exceeded our most sanguine anticipations. At the same time, we have become so enured to grand results that we have been urged on to stretch to the utmost limits, and to such extreme tension, the power for good that is latent amongst the brethren of the Craft that now the very contemplation of a bad result at the forthcoming Anniversary, however slight the ground for apprehension, strikes us with a feeling akin to dismay. But for some reason or other we are inclined to think that the Province of Surrey is not taking the matter in hand with that activity and energy which is essential to the thorough and complete success of the Festival over which its esteemed and popular Provincial Grand Master has consented to preside. We hope we may be wrong in such a calculation, nor do we desire to damp in any way the ardour of those who are doing what they can to make the event of next Wednesday a gratifying success; but whether it is that the supreme effort put forth in the year 1883 on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, followed by the desire to support the Boys' Preparatory School at Wood Green, to a certain extent overtaxed the resources of the brethren, or whether the apparent laxity arises from other causes, there certainly does appear an urgent need for some additional impetus to be thrown into the matter even at this, the eleventh hour. It has been suggested to us from some quarters that the Province of Surrey was hardly prepared to follow up the great efforts to which we refer by another, so soon afterwards, and the circumstances of the case have been rendered all the more difficult in consequence of the indisposition of our estimable Bro. C. Greenwood, Deputy G. Master of the Province, which untoward event is, we fear, likely to prevent the attendance of that assiduous and indefatigable Brother in his capacity of one of the acting Presidents of the Festival of this year. Bro. Greenwood's illness, which all the brethren devoutly hope may be of but a temporary character, coupled with the sad domestic bereavement which he so recently sustained, has had the effect of throwing one of the most powerful propelling powers in such a movement out of gear, for all who know him will be only too eager to admit that whatever Brother Greenwood takes in hand in the interests of the cause we all hold so dear, he leaves no single stone unturned by which to contribute to the entire success of the laudable work. 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We only want a Steward to be named from every Lodge, and we are quite sure that between now and the time when the annual account of the Institution is closed, such persuasive pressure will be brought to bear upon the brethren as will relieve the Provincial Grand Master and the executive of the School of all fear as to the means of continuing in their beneficent work being placed at their disposal. We have already touched upon this subject, and should have allowed it to pass without any further word of comment, but as the time approaches it is necessary that every effort should be strained to its utmost to bring about the consummation that is so devoutly to be wished—a "bumper" for the "bonnie lassies" at our Battersea Rise establishment. To add to the perplexities of the situation we hear with sincere regret that the Provincial Grand Master has himself been somewhat indisposed of late; and knowing how thoroughly the gallant General enters into all matters connected with the Craft in general, and his own Province in particular, even this passing and temporary drawback to the prosecution of his efforts is sincerely to be deplored. We all know with what hearty zeal and unwearying assiduity he enters into the hard work of the position he so worthily fills, and it is sincerely to be hoped that Wednesday next will find him completely restored to that health and vigour which is necessary for the fulfilment of such an arduous task as that which he has so generously undertaken. As we recently pointed out, Brother General Brownrigg is not new to the work which will then devolve upon him, for he undertook a similar duty on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution three years ago, on which occasion he proved himself a most capable President, and the efforts he then made, supported as they were by the brethren of the Province, proved most beneficial to the interests of the "Old People's Home" at Croydon. That similar exertions may be made on behalf of the Girls' School is our earnest hope, but there is little time left to the brethren of the Province to rally up to the standard required to make the Festival the brilliant triumph we all desire to see it. We do not profess by any means to take an alarmist view of the situation, even though up to the present the number of Stewards on the list is far below that which should have been returned to headquarters. But it would be a source of unfeigned regret throughout the whole of the Fraternity were the results of the event appreciably short of those of preceding years, and such a contingency may yet be avoided if the brethren will put their shoulders to the wheel in such a manner as to enable our worthy Brother Hedges, as Secretary of the Institution, to announce that so far from there being any falling-off in the support accorded to our favourite Institution, so eminently deserving of all the help that can be extended to it, there is at any rate a continued supply of the necessary means of carrying on the work of that branch of Masonic Charity.

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We have had the gratification of recording the fact that in spite of the universal depression of trade, and the proverbially "bad times" experienced by men in all grades of commerce and industry, the subscriptions sent up to these great Masonic meetings have been steadily and substantially maintained; and we look forward hopefully that in the few days yet remaining before the Anniversary of the Girls' Festival there will be such a rustle of activity amongst the brethren that, amidst the applause which will undoubtedly follow the principal speaker next Wednesday evening, the voice of Bro. Hedges may be heard in grateful acknowledgment of the amount of aid which the brethren have by their united exertions sent up to enable the executive to carry on their grandly important work of the coming year. It not unfrequently happens that when a supreme effort is called for, enforced almost upon us, at the latest moment, such is the result of active determination to surmount all obstacles that the result is surprisingly gratifying; and from the depths of our wishes for the successful carrying on of the Girls' Institution, we trust to see that effect triumphantly exemplified on the occasion to which so many of our brethren are looking forward with expectant hopes on Wednesday evening next.

HINTS TO BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

EDITORS of Monkish chronicles are generally apt to ignore the superstitious beliefs of their authors. Mr. T. Wright, however, in his preface to the works of Giraldus Cambrensis, did call attention to the credulity of his author. Giraldus possessed a "pound of learning," but needed the "ounce of common sense;" he believed that a wolf spoke to a priest, that a wooden cross in Dublin spoke to the people, that there was a mill that would not grind on Sunday, nor grind corn that was stolen, and some hundred similar wonders besides; among which is the following pretty story, viz.:—

"St. Keivin, during Lent, retired to a cabin in the wilderness, where he gave himself up to contemplation . . . reading and prayer. One morning, having raised his hand to heaven, as was his custom, through a window, it chanced that a blackbird pitched upon it and laid her eggs in his palm, treating it as her nest. The saint, taking pity on the bird, showed so much gentleness and patience that he neither drew in nor closed his hand, but kept it extended and adapted it to the purpose of the nest, without wearying, until the young brood was entirely hatched."

How the saint managed to reach his larder, and to perform the functions of nature during the required time, for laying all her eggs and hatching the birds, does not seem to have puzzled Giraldus at all. However, even in the 12th century, his credulity was criticised. So, in the preface to his second book, Giraldus gave his doubting critic an indignant lecture, and quoted St. Augustine and other high authorities, to prove that belief in miracles should not be doubted nor questioned. Now, I may be wrong, but I cannot help suspecting that Giraldus was a Mason; anyhow, his method of reasoning, when defending his belief in miracles, is precisely like the reasoning of our Masonic writers when defending the antiquity of Masonry, &c. I also believe that if our Masonic degree fabricators had read the works of Giraldus, the blackbird story would have long since been dramatised into a Masonic degree, and the city of York would now have been blessed with an Irish Masonic degree, having St. Keivin for Grand Master, and Brothers Blackbird for Grand Officers. Lest, however, the reader should think that I am a little too sarcastic, I herewith copy from Socrates' Ecclesiastical History a miracle just as absurd as the one above quoted, which is now incorporated into our Masonic degrees, and called "The Order of the Red Cross of Constantine," which is as follows:—

While his (Constantine's) mind was occupied on this subject (the conquest of Rome), he was hesitating what divinity's aid he should invoke for successful conduct in the war; it occurred to him that Diocletian had profited but little by the Pagan deities, . . . but that his own father, Constantius, who had renounced the idolatrous worship of the Greeks, had passed through life far more prosperously. In this state of uncertainty, a preternatural vision, which trancends all description, appeared as he was marching at the head of his troops. He saw . . . a pillar of light in the heavens, in the form of a cross, on which were inscribed these words—"By this conquer." Struck with astonishment at the appearance of this sign, and scarcely believing his own eyes, the Emperor asked those around him if they beheld the same spectacle, and, they all declaring they did, the Emperor's mind was strengthened by this Divine and extraordinary apparition. In his slumbers on the following night he saw Christ, who directed him to prepare a standard, according to the pattern of that which had been seen, and to use it against the enemy as an assured trophy of victory. In obedience to this Divine oracle, he caused the standard, in the form of a cross, to be prepared (which is preserved in the palace even to the present time), and, proceeding in his measures with greater confidence, he attacked the enemy and vanquished him before the gates of Rome."

This story is treated generally with contempt. Even the orthodox Mosheim could not swallow it. I confess to be unacquainted with the arguments used by the first doubters of that story. I shall, however, give my own reasons for disbelieving it. First, because it is very absurd; second, if Constantine had seen the vision in the sky, and Christ in a dream, in the year 308, it seems to me that he would have sought baptism *there* and *then*; but the truth is he could not be prevailed on to submit to that necessary Christian rite before 337, or just before he died; and third, this story was unknown until about one hundred or more years after Constantine died. Now, Eusebius, "the father of ecclesiastical history," as he is called, was a favourite of Constantine, and wrote a short biography of his patron in 337. No one will be surprised at his omitting the cruelties and vices of the subject of his memoir, nor of his overloading him with praise for the good he had done. If, therefore, the Constantine vision was true, surely Eusebius would have known it, and, if he had known about it, I can see no reason why he omitted it from his life of Constantine. The fact that Eusebius did not mention the Constantine miracle is very pretty conclusive evidence that the said story was unknown during the lifetime of Constantine, even to his most intimate friend, and that it was, therefore, an invention from first to last. As already said, rational, as well as religious, writers, disbelieve in the Constantine vision, but our *foppish Masons*, who want to play Knights and Emperors, have made the Constantine story into a Masonic degree, and are ready to swear that it is all "true as Gospel."

Again, in the Middle Ages, some men imagined they could make gold out of certain compounds, and were called *Alchemists*. Some of these really believed in the possibility of what they were seeking, but many of them were mere pretenders. These Alchemists, sincere or pretended, looked very mysterious, and pretended to know the hidden secrets of Nature. In 1616 a wag wrote an imaginary history of a society of Rosicrucians, who were adepts in the mysterics of science. This history was at first believed, and hence people took it for granted that the Alchemists were Rosicrucians, and were, and have been, an organised society. Now, it is very easy to persuade some of our Masons that every society in olden times that had a mystery or secret were Masons, and that their mysteries were preserved among Masons to this day. Accordingly, there is a Masonic Rosicrucian concern in York, in which Bro. Whytehead figures as the "Great Adept," and for some years past he annually repeated his belief in the antiquity of the Rosicrucian Order. To be sure, it is generally known that the very word "Rosicrucian" was unknown before 1616, and that no Rosicrucian Society existed before the Masonic mania for high degrees broke out. But what of it? Reason or no reason, Bro. Whytehead is determined to believe it. In his last address he said—

"As far as we know, this singular mediæval brotherhood was banded together for the purpose of investigating the hidden mysteries of Nature and Science. It met but seldom; it was said to have drawn its members from every quarter of the globe, and its ostensible objects were the amelioration of the condition of mankind, and the judicious communication of knowledge . . . We know that in the latter days, at any rate, of the renowned society its members became subject to derision," &c.

The above quotation proves that when once a story is Masonised, it is defended through *thick* and *thin* by those whose interests it is to keep the concern alive; and, as our good but deluded Bro. Whytehead imagines that we

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cannot have too many Masonic degrees, and that the more degrees a man possesses the more scientific he is, and as our brother holds the high Grand office of "Chief Adept" in the Rosicrucian College, hence, by annually repeating the Rosicrucian story, he finally comes to believe that a "renowned" Rosicrucian Society existed in the Middle Ages. The present object of the Rosicrucians, however, Bro. Whytehead says, is not for the purpose of finding the philosopher's stone, but to search "for the true history and origin of Masonry; a mystery which rebuked the wisdom of some of the most learned and talented men of the last century, and which is even now apparently a long distance from disclosure," and, after referring to our old Masonic histories and to the "Old Charges, edited by our learned Bro. Hughan, himself a member of our Rosicrucian Order" (I hope, however, that Bro. Hughan did not pay anything for his Rosicrucianism); and, after intimating that the Old Charges are very old, he then pays the following compliment to Bro. Gould. He says:—

"Bro. Gould's History is, as far as actual information is concerned, absolutely exhaustive. It is in itself an entire Masonic library, and is by far the most able work on the Craft that has yet made its appearance. But Gould has dealt with his whole subject, I think, somewhat too much from his own professional standpoint. It is the business of the legal mind to reduce to its lowest ebb of credibility every statement that is arrayed before it, and reject as unworthy of credence everything that cannot be absolutely and irrefragably proved by facts or figures. Now, although this is a very proper frame of mind in which to approach a mere question of right and wrong, . . . yet I scarcely think it is the best spirit in which to attack the problem of the early and unwritten history of Freemasonry."

And after demolishing his "man of straw," viz., who denies any history to Freemasonry before 1717,* Bro. Whytehead favours us with an entirely original idea of the *unwritten* history of Freemasonry. He says:—

"I believe with Bro. Carson, of Ohio, that up to that period (1717) Freemasonry has been essentially Christian in its teachings, and that what was known of builders, which had previously died out through the process of natural decay and lack of useful objects for existence. (Now for the original.) It was, I suspect, these guilds who learned a certain portion of the ancient Christian mysteries from their employers of the Benedictine Order, and adapted them to their own purpose. It was they who added to those mysteries the Hiramic legend, and the symbolism of Solomon's Temple, and converted into the stone-worker's allegory what had previously been an exposition of the story of the fall of mankind, the sacrificial redemption of the human race, and the doctrine of resurrection. The true mystery had been handed down to the Benedictines, and preserved by them, from the early Christians, and before that date had been kept secret and inviolate from the foundation of the world by successive patriarchs and prophets, whose 'schools,' as they are termed in the old Testament writings, were merely what we should term in our own phraseology Lodges or Colleges for the instruction of the chosen initiates."

We see now what kind of a history of Freemasonry would suit Bro. Whytehead's notion. To be sure, he frankly admits that he cannot prove what he believes; but what of it? Whether he can or cannot prove it, he is determined to believe that it is, and ought to be, Masonic history, and that Bro. Gould was guilty of an unpardonable sin for not engrafting Bro. Whytehead's notions into his history of Freemasonry. It is natural to one whose mind was cast in a theological mould to like only those histories which chime with his religious dogmas; and such histories have been written again and again, both by religious and Masonic zealots. Now, one who believes in the existence of a Rosicrucian renowned Society in the Middle Ages, and who is infatuated with a "thousand and one" Masonic degrees he has taken, very naturally prefers Dr. Oliver for his Masonic historian. And such is the case with Bro. Whytehead. Oliver, who could write what the elder Dr. Disraeli called "a history of events which never happened," is Bro. Whytehead's ideal historian, but Gould is altogether too prosy and matter-of-fact for Bro. Whytehead's taste; and, although evidence is wanted to prove his "unwritten history," yet he is not going to give it up, for he imagines that he will find evidence in the inscriptions on the old monuments.

Now I have patiently waded through some seven or eight volumes of "The Records of the Past," which are filled with inscriptions taken from the old monuments. I have read Max Muller's Sacred Books of the Hindoos, Rawlinson's "Religions of the Antient World," the Hibbert Lectures, and other works on the same subject, and I nowhere found a Society resembling our Craft in all those books. However, as I have not exhausted all the authorities upon the subject, I will not discourage Bro. Whytehead from further pursuing the inquiry. But I must advise him not to publish another word upon the question at issue until he is prepared to prove that the patriarchs and prophets derived the doctrine of redemption from Adam, that the said doctrine was kept as a secret, and why they kept it secret. He must also prove that the early Christians had mysteries, that the Benedictines derived mysteries from the early Christians, and communicated those mysteries to the Masons. He must further explain how it was that the said mysteries of the early Christians were confined in the Middle Ages to the Order of Benedictines only? And why the Benedictines imparted their mysteries to Masons only? He must also prove that the Hiramic legend was known to Masons before 1717, and that Solomon's connection with the Craft was known before the Matthew Cooke MS. was written, and that Symbolic or Speculative Masonry existed before 1717.

Should Bro. Whytehead succeed in proving all I require, I shall be foremost in congratulating him upon the event. I will concede, without further question, the antiquity of the Rosicrucian Order, the vision of Constantine, that a wolf spoke to a priest, that a cross in Dublin spoke to the Dubliuites, that a pious mill would not grind on Sunday, and that a blackbird laid its eggs in the palm of the reverend Irish St. Keivin. Besides which, if Bro. Whytehead proves that his faith in the unwritten history of Masonry was well founded, he will deserve a crown of laurels, and will surely be proclaimed by every Grand Lodge in the world, not only as a "Chief Adept," but as the greatest Masonic historian that ever was.

BOSTON, U.S. 26th April 1886.

* Symbolic, or Speculative Masonry, did not exist before 1717, but no one denies the existence of Masons' Trade Unions, or Guilds, in the Middle Ages.

It is announced that H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England has just appointed the Right Hon. Lord Henniker Grand Master of the Province of Suffolk, in the room of the late Lord Waveney.

We congratulate Bro. Thomas Vincent, P.M. 1861, P.P.G. Sword Bearer Surrey, on his re-election to the office of Churchwarden of the united parishes St. Margaret with St. Magnus, London Bridge. This is the eleventh time that Brother Vincent has received similar honour at the hands of his fellow parishoners.

Another of our old friends has passed away, in the person of Bro. J. R. Foulger P.M. of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, whose sudden death occurred on Saturday last. An inquest was subsequently held, when medical evidence was adduced, showing the cause of death to have been heart disease. Bro. Foulger will long be remembered as a competent and painstaking Preceptor.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Past Grand Standard Bearer. The minutes were confirmed, and the Secretary reported the death of a male annuitant. The Warden's report was read, and then a letter referring to one of the male candidates was considered. After full discussion, it was decided that his name should be removed from the list of approved candidates. The retiring members of the Committee were nominated for re-election, and several other brethren were also nominated. The draft of the annual report, to be submitted to the subscribers at the annual meeting on the 21st inst. was then considered, and approved, after which a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

A REGULAR meeting of the Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on 20th April. Bros. F. Blackwell W.M., D. H. Witherington S.W., John W. Martin J.W., R. C. Mount P.M. Treasurer P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, Albert W. Parry Secretary, C. G. Hawkes S.D., W. Sherwood J.D., J. H. Walters I.G., C. T. Rayner Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s M. J. Withers I.P.M. Prov. G.J.D. Berks and Bucks, R. Bradley Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks, C. Stephens Prov. Grand Treasurer Berks and Bucks, Charles Oades P.P.G. Registrar Berks and Bucks, J. Weightman P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks. A. Livings, George S. Galt, B. Ruddock, W. G. Millar, W. Bonny. Visitor—H. Creed J.W. 1101. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Charles Townshend Murdoch, of Buckhurst, Wokingham, banker, M.P., formerly of Leinster Lodge, No. 387, Malta, on the register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and seconded by Bro. M. J. Withers, was balloted for, and elected a joining member. A part of the sections in the second degree were worked by the Worshipful Master, Bros. Bradley and Oades, at the conclusion of which the members evinced their appreciation of the admirable working by warm acclamations. Lodge opened in the third degree. The W.M. addressed Bros. Alexander Livings and W. Bonny, giving the complement of the ceremony of raising. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, when the W.M., in accordance with notice, moved "that the Treasurer shall, previous to the Lodge held in March in each year, deposit in a separate account at the Bank, from the funds of the Lodge a sum equivalent to 18s 6d for each subscribing member who did not attend the annual banquet in the previous January, and that after allowance had been made for the necessary expenses of the Lodge and payment of principal and interest on the mortgage account, any further sum which, in the opinion of the majority of the brethren present at the November Lodge, can be spared from the general funds, shall also be paid into the same account. The amount so invested to form a Fund of Benevolence, which shall be available for votes to the Masonic Charities, cases of personal distress connected with Freemasonry, or such other charitable purposes, Masonic or otherwise, as the brethren from time to time may determine, and that grants made from such Fund of Benevolence shall be subject to bye-law No. 5." The motion was seconded by Bro. Withers, and a well-sustained discussion ensued; the W.M., Bros. Withers, Bradley, Stephens, Mount, Walters, Martin, Millar, Witherington, Sherwood, and Galt taking part. Bro. Bradley proposed as an amendment, "That the subject be referred to the Permament Committee for consideration and report." This was seconded by Bro. Mount, and carried. On the amendment being put as a substantive motion, it was declared to be carried by 12 votes—twenty-one members being present. The W.M., in accordance with notice, proposed that the sum of £15 15s be devoted to Charity, and that the sum be given to augment the list of Bro. Wheeler jun. P.M., who would represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This was seconded by Bro. Bradley, and carried unanimously. Business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper at the Great Western Hotel. The W.M. presided, and a very agreeable conversazione resulted.

THE WINDRUSH LODGE, No. 1703.

THE regular May meeting of this Lodge was held in the Corn Exchange, Witney, Oxon, on Wednesday, 5th instant, the W.M. Bro. S. C. Wakefield Prov. G. Steward being supported by a large gathering of members and brethren from neighbouring Lodges. Advantage had been taken by the W.M. of there being no work before the Lodge to proffer an invitation to Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. to deliver his successful and interesting lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree, now so well known to the Craft, under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences." The Lodge was opened by the W.M. and the following Officers:—Bros. H. W. Drinkwater P.M. Prov. G.S.W. Oxon S.W., Harry Robins P.M. Secretary 1703 P. Prov. G.J.W. Oxon J.W., A. T. Matthews I.P.M. P. Prov. G.S.D. Oxon, J. M. Clench P.M. Treasurer P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer Oxon, G. Owens Prov. G. Organist Oxon S.D., S. A. Heath J.D., R. Sheafe I.G., W. H. Tarrant Organist, A. Buck Steward, S. Smith Tyler. There was a very fair attendance of members, and amongst the Visitors were Bros. Butler W.M. 1399 P.P.G.S.B. Oxon, J. H. Shale, R. Corden and others from the Alfred Lodge 340, Oxford, A. Pearce S.D., and others from the Bertie Lodge, 1515, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Wakefield W.M. addressed the brethren and stated that he had thought it advisable, as well in the interest of the Lodge itself as for the good of Freemasonry generally, that the otherwise unemployed evening before them should be made instructive by a Masonic lecture. He had therefore invited a well-known brother, whose efforts in the direction of Masonic instruction were receiving deserved recognition, to attend on this occasion and to enlighten them on many points of ritual, with a view to comparing their own practice in Lodge with the forms and ceremonial which he would expound. He hoped and anticipated that the initiative he had taken would in the result be justified by the pleasure and enlightenment which their visitor would afford them, and might be imitated by many other Masters of Lodges, who had spare evenings at their disposal. Bro. Wakefield then formally introduced Bro. Stevens to the brethren, and requested their kind attention. A very hearty welcome was accorded to the lecturer on his rising, and after a brief acknowledgment of his reception, Bro. James Stevens commenced an address, which during nearly two hours, rivetted, without the slightest interruption, the attentive consideration of his hearers. We cannot, of course, print that which is intended only for utterance under a tyled roof, and must therefore be content with an expression of our conviction that this lecture ought to be heard in every Lodge holding under the United Grand Lodge of England. It deals with the ritual as practised for the past seventy-five years, with the innovations made therein, and anomalies and divergencies which have made the practices of some Lodges, when compared with others, not only ridiculous, but in many instances most injurious to the welfare of the Order. We cannot go into any of these particulars, but we strongly commend the lecture to all who desire to have common sense reasoning for what they do and say in Masonic Lodges. At the conclusion of his address, Bro. Stevens was warmly applauded, and a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge, the W.M., who proposed, and Bro. Drinkwater, who seconded the vote, respectively expressing their high appreciation of the service rendered to Freemasonry by the exposition to which the brethren present had so attentively listened. The lecturer returned his thanks for the compliment paid him, and stated his readiness to accept from any Lodges which might desire to extend the same, invitations for a like purpose. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Brother Matthews in proposing the health of the W.M. (Brother Wakefield) paid a high tribute to the excellent qualities which not only so well fitted him for his exalted position, but endeared him so much to the members of his Lodge, and especially extolled the interest he had shown on this occasion by his personally inviting Bro. Stevens, and so giving his members the benefit of experiencing one of the most instructive and enjoyable evenings of the many passed by them in the Windrush Lodge. The W.M., in response, stated how pleased he felt to receive such an acknowledgment of his efforts to carry out his duty, and especially that his personal invite had been attended with such satisfactory results. He had heard that if he could secure Bro. Stevens for his lecture, neither he nor his Lodge would regret doing so, and he must say that even his most sanguine anticipations had been exceeded. He would at once propose the Visitors, and couple with the toast the name of the lecturer. The toast was drank with much fervour, and responses were made by several of the Visitors present, Bro. Stevens contenting himself with a few brief remarks in continuation of what he had previously said in the Lodge. What, however, he lacked in speech he made up for in recitations, and complied with the earnest request of the brethren by delivering the Masonic poems—"The Three Great Lights," "Masons' Vows," and "The Level and the Square." Several excellent songs by other members and visitors added to the social enjoyment of an evening which will doubtless be long remembered by those who shared in the proceedings, and who, at a somewhat later hour than usual, separated with the interchange of fraternal greetings and good wishes.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, there was a numerous and representative gathering of members of the Craft, including several Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and visitors from London, to witness the installation of Bro. Lieutenant James Knowles, R.N. (H.M.S. Hercules, now stationed at Portland) as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. Lieutenant Knowles was one of the founders of the Lodge, which was established five years since, under highly favourable auspices, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught having been present at the inaugural ceremony, at which there was a very large number of Masons, many holding high rank in the Craft. The Lodge has the honour of having on its roll of Grand Officers the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who, on the occasion of a Volunteer review being held at Portsmouth, paid a visit to the Lodge. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P. (from whom a letter had been received, expressing regret that his Parliamentary duties prevented his attendance), was the first W.M., and the office has since been held by Bros. T. Page (two years), Captain Lathom Cox, and H. J. Long. The ceremony of installing Lieutenant Knowles (who has filled the offices of Junior Deacon and Junior and Senior Warden) was ably and impressively performed by Bro. H. Townsend P.M. P. Prov. G. Deacon, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services. Then followed a pleasing incident, viz., the recognition of the services of the retiring W.M., also one of the founders of the Lodge, who, after having held various offices, was elected to the chair, the duties of which, as the W.M. remarked, when presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, he had discharged in a manner that had been most satisfactory to the brethren, and had conduced to the prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M.'s eulogistic remarks were warmly received by the brethren, and Bro. Long made a feeling and appropriate response, thanking the brethren for their appreciation of his services, and promising to continue to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The jewel, which is of solid gold, set in diamonds, has the recipient's monogram, is of handsome design, and bears the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. H. J. Long P.M., by the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge." The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as under—Bros. H. J. Long I.P.M., W. Royston Pike S.W., J. Livesay J.W., Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, G. Backler Treas., A. L. Emanuel Sec., E. G. Charpentier S.D., W. Ford J.D., J. Wilson D.C., G. Sylvester Org., A. Long I.G., H. G. Giles and E. Austin Stewards. Upwards of sixty brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. W. Mayhour, of Ordnance Row, Portsea. The banqueting hall was tastefully decorated with lace curtains, mirrors, plants, and flowers. At the conclusion of the banquet, the customary toasts were honoured. P.M. Townsend proposed the Worshipful Master, referring in warm

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terms of eulogy to the great interest which Lieut. Knowles had taken in the Lodge, and the toast, having been received with much enthusiasm, was suitably acknowledged by the W.M. A warm reception was also given to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Long, the toast being introduced by P.M. Page. Bro. Sylvester and others contributed harmony, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THIS young and highly prosperous Lodge met at the Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., on which occasion the installation of Bro. W. R. Phillips took place. The Lodge was opened at the appointed hour by Bro. Phillips himself, he being qualified by a previous Mastership to discharge that duty, and the W.M., Bro. C. I. Digby, being delayed in respect of attendance. There were present during the evening, besides the two brethren named, Bros. J. P. Houghton J.W., W. F. Reynolds P.M. and Treas., G. C. Rowlands Sec., E. Dare S.D., H. Sapsworth J.D., H. J. Ireland D.C., J. Marjason I.G., Albert Crew Org., and Banks Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. B. E. Blasby, and Bros. Thomas Fenn P.G.D. President of the Board of General Purposes, and Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. President of the Board of Benevolence (honorary members) also attended. The members who signed the attendance-book were Bros. J. Aldridge, W. C. Rainbow, T. Covell, F. A. Meeres, F. R. Robinson, S. Abell, D. G. Macrae, T. Keyes, A. Aldin, J. E. Goring, F. C. Moufiet, Dr. E. A. Cooke, G. Trinder, H. Clifford, W. Clifford, W. Williamson, H. F. Nash, R. Smith, E. Downs, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, W. H. Lee P.M. 975 Prov. G. Asst. Sec. Middlesex, W. R. Williams, P.M. 975, H. S. Hunter P.M. 1321, W. R. Forge P.M. 1793 Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, J. T. Lucas P.M. 192, J. W. Clarke 1572, Alfred Tucker 1733, S. Hunt 1196, W. Courlander 975, H. C. Landsdowne 1541, F. J. Ruddle 1763, C. Clarke 975, W. Johnson, C. Stewart Stephens 754, E. T. Smith 1768, W. Drewett 859, and W. R. Parker 742. The Lodge was opened, and previous minutes confirmed. Bro. Macrae having proved proficiency, the Lodge was duly prepared for the ceremony of raising; and the W.M., Bro. C. I. Digby, having arrived, occupied the chair of K.S., and, in a most effective manner, duly raised the candidate to the M.M. degree. The ceremony of installation was then at once proceeded with, and in this, as in the previous work, the W.M. proved his great capacity as a careful and earnest worker. Bro. W. R. Phillips P.M., on assuming the duties of W.M. of the Lodge, after courteous greetings from the Board of Installed Masters, and reception of the salutations of the members of his Lodge, proceeded to appoint his Officers, and to invest them in the following order, viz. :—Bros. J. P. Houghton S.W., E. Dare J.W., W. F. Reynolds P.M. Treas., G. C. Rowlands Sec., H. Sapsworth S.D., J. Marjason J.D., A. Crew I.G., Messum D.C., W. C. Rainbow Org., A. Aldin and T. Covell Stewards, and Fryer Tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren, delivered in a very effective manner by Bro. Digby, completed a ceremony which gave great satisfaction to all concerned. Ballots were then taken for Messrs. William Edwin Marsh, Arthur Clinton Taylor, and Arthur Walker, which, proving unanimous in their favour, secured their introduction into Freemasonry at the hands of Bro. Phillips, who, we were glad to observe, gave to each candidate his "just due" by separate initiation. Amongst other routine business, a motion for an addition to the bye-laws relating to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was carried, and the sum of five guineas voted to form the nucleus for such Fund. A like sum was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. Houghton, who will represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. A very elaborate *menu* was placed before the guests on this occasion, but the length of time occupied in the work of the Lodge, but more particularly the delay in service during the repast, interfered sadly with the otherwise enjoyable nature of the evening's programme, and rendered the duties of the W.M. presiding more difficult than need have been the case. To meet the exigencies of necessary early departure by many of the brethren, a portion of the bill of fare was, perforce, abandoned, and the subsequent musical entertainment, in which many talented artistes were engaged, was considerably hurried and shortened. Nevertheless, the brief time allotted to the company generally was of a most enjoyable character, and, except that too much, for an installation meeting, was attempted, nothing but high praise is due to those who had the conducting of the entire proceedings. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after brief but forcible introductions by the W.M. It had been hoped that the toast of the Grand Officers would have been responded to by Bro. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Consecrating Officer of the Lodge, but, for reasons above stated, that worthy brother had been compelled to leave. In his regretted absence, Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. returned thanks, and expressed wishes for continued success to the Lodge. The I.P.M., Bro. Digby, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in very eulogistic terms, as to his ability and general capacity for carrying out the duties of his exalted position, and expressed his confidence that he would prove, by the exercise of his skill and his eminent qualifications for the office, and his fitness to rule, advance the interests of his Lodge. Amidst the plaudits of the brethren, he wished him health and the support of T.G.A.O.T.U. in all his undertakings. A feeling response from the W.M., acknowledging the compliment paid to him, and assuring the members of his Lodge that nothing on his part should be wanting to justify the expectations they held, was concluded by his proposing the health of the Initiates, who severally returned thanks for their reception. The Visitors received a very hearty welcome, and the W.M. congratulated his Lodge on so large a number being present. Bro. James Stevens P.M. 1216, &c., returned thanks on behalf of the Visitors, for the pleasure which had been afforded them, both in respect of Lodge work, admirably performed and the subsequent entertainment set before them. He ventured to express an opinion that the ceremonies performed that evening had been carried out in a manner which would have done credit to Lodges of many years' standing, and was therefore all the more creditable to the Richmond Lodge, which, under the guidance of such qualified brethren as the W.M. and his predecessor, could not fail to merit the success it sought to attain. Bros. W. R. Forge Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, and Lucas P.M. 192, also replied in terms of high commendation of the Lodge proceedings, and appreciation of their welcome. The health of the Installing Master and Past Master was cordially received, and a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Digby, with best wishes from the Lodge, and hopes that he might live many years to wear it. To this toast Bros. Digby and Blasby severally responded in appropriate terms. The remaining toasts were the Masonic Charities, the Officers, and the Tyler's toast, which brought the proceedings to a close at a somewhat later hour than most of the London brethren had anticipated. It must, however, be admitted that they had every reason to carry away with them remembrance of a meeting such as might induce them to desire its repetition at future installations in the Richmond Lodge. We cannot close this report without a notice of the excellent vocal music, arranged by, and under the direction of, Bro. W. C. Rainbow, the Organist of the Lodge, whose talented company comprised Madame Lita Jarrett, R.A.M., Miss Mary Horton, and Bros. Crew and Abell. The programme was an excellent selection, and the several artistes most effectively rendered their respective numbers. Their services were highly appreciated by all present.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2080.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 10th instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, when Bro. F. Seager Hunt was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, in succession to Bros. W. Burdett-Coutts and W. H. Baker, the first and second Masters respectively. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, nearly two hundred signing the attendance book. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Baker, who was supported during the meeting by the following Officers of the Lodge :—Bros. Burdett-Coutts P.M., F. Seager Hunt S.W. (W.M. elect), W. Sugg J.W., J. C. F. Warrington Rogers P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Shand P.M. Secretary, W. Bowman Spink P.M., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, J. Gibson S.D., H. R. Baker J.D., R. E. H. Goffin D.C., H. Mainwaring-Dunstan I.G., H. W. Schartau Organist, C. C. Piper and G. R. W. Wheeler Stewards. The minutes of the regular Lodge of the 8th March having been read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master advanced his Lodge, and proceeded to confer the second degree on Bros. H. Dawson, Morgan, Irving, and Cowley. He then took the ballot for two gentlemen who sought admission into the mysteries of Freemasonry—Mr. Percy George Hodson, proposed by Brother C. Humphreys, and seconded by Brother Richards; and Mr. Joseph Foster, nominated by the Worshipful Master, and seconded by Brother Hambling. The result of the ballot was unanimous in favour of these two candidates, who were subsequently admitted to the light of Masonry. The report of the Audit Committte was received, and formally adopted, after which the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Bro. Seager Hunt was placed in the chair of the Lodge in the presence of some fifty installed Masters, and in due course received the salutations of his brethren. He appointed the following brethren as the Officers for the year :—Sugg S.W., H. R. Baker J.W., Simpson Chaplain, Rogers Treasurer, Shand Sec., Gibson S.D., Goffin J.D., Mainwaring-Dunstan I.G., Piper D.C., Wheeler A.D.C., J. Browne-Martin and F. J. Smith Stewards, Schartau Organist, and W. Walkley Tyler. Bro. W. H. Baker, who throughout the day, had performed the duties of the chair in a most efficient manner, then concluded the ceremony of installation, bringing his year of office to a most satisfactory conclusion. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the company repaired to banquet. Among the Visitors present were Bros. the Hon. and Rev. Francis Byng, M.A., 1635, Chaplain to the House of Commons, Frederick Binckes Past Grand Steward, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, E. Paetel 1624, G. Pallett 1287, W. C. Page P.M. 1475. J. Davis, 1604, J. Hickman 177, A. Clifford P.M. 1017, J. W. King W.M. 186, E. St. Clair 14, George Evans 172, J. Stephens P.M. 1425, J. J. Thomas S.D. 753, C. R. Wicken W.M. 773, E. Wallace P.M. 907, S. R. Lovett I.G. 3, H. C. Jones 907, Walter Mitchell P.M. 1558, Andrew Edwards S.W. 1328, R. Kirk 1681, G. Jenkins W.M. 72, A. J. Bignold 1624, Albert T. Hayes 1425, J. D. Langton W.M. 2096, J. H. Bishop 1965, W. Herbage P.M. 177 P.P.G.R. Essex, H. J. Weiss, J. J. Woolley P.M. 15, C. Wellard P.M. 1319, S. Pope 1624, A. F. Peacock 177, R. Hewetson 177, F. J. Wray P.M. 1257, H. Phillips 155, H. Holson W.M. 1684, O. Newman, H. Carman 548, G. Hamilton W.M. 1446, G. A. Garrett P.M. 1366, J. Williams 15, George Boulton P.M. 1604, J. Kay W.M. 742, W. J. Bennett 177, C. Dovey P.M. 176, W. Church 1365, W. Shurmur W.M. 1471, J. T. Baker P.M. 1305, E. B. Cox 1563, J. G. Wynn 201, J. J. Pope 1305, W. S. Whittaker P.M. 1572, J. T. Pilditch P.M. 1420, J. H. Tee 1538, W. C. Wigley W.M. 1348, J. Russell W.M. 1572, R. Burldon P.M. 860, S. Goddon P.M. 862, G. Groves 55, T. Dodson P.M. 860, W. Richards W.M. 1853, W. Jones 511, H. W. Davie P.M. 173, D. P. Holness P.M. 1471, H. W. Hunt P.M. 1537, W. Worrell P.M. 706, W. W. Lee 1897, J. Oakham P.M. 1853, J. Collins 860, E. Walker W.M. 1766, T. Morris Sec. 177, W. H. Hall W.M. 704, W. G. Burney 1615, H. Henton P.M. 1559, E. Styles 704, D. Haslett P.M. 145, J. E. Rimmer 1609, D. Pedderleith 177, F. Rypson 1085, E. Boulnois 1635, F. Butt P.M. 700, J. H. Brass 1681, H. Parkin 1319, T. Griffiths P.M. 1446, H. C. Barker 21, T. Hill 813, E. J. Rose 1766, F. Bevan 1706, W. Draper P.M. 1305, James Richards 1246, C. F. Jenkins 461, C. Greenwood jun., Prov. Grand Sec. Surrey, E. A. Peachey 1928, and others.

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An enjoyable banquet having been served, the W.M., Bro. F. Seager Hunt, proceeded with the toasts of the evening, remarking, in introducing them, that the lateness of the hour prevented his giving to them the full attention they deserved. The first toast on the list needed no words of commendation from the chair in such an assembly as was then gathered together, for if there was one society or institution more likely than another to do honour to the toast of the Queen and the Craft, it was the mystic body with which he then had the pleasure of being associated. He therefore submitted the toast, reminding the brethren that the Queen had wrought more good for the country than any other monarch who had ruled the destinies of this mighty empire. The next toast, as given on the list was a most comprehensive one, and, in view of the short time the brethren had at their disposal, the W.M. felt it wise to give it as it appeared on the programme. It was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. This also was a toast which required no words to commend it to those present, for the brethren knew full well the position these illustrious and distinguished men occupied, and they knew full well the manner in which they discharged the duties pertaining to their respective offices. In the discharge of their functions they had won the admiration of the whole of the Masonic brotherhood. The Prince of Wales was a Grand Master unequalled by any who had gone before him, and the present generation of Masons might say that, great as had been the hold which Masonry had had upon the world in bygone times, never in this country had such an impetus been given to the Craft as since the accession to power of the Prince of Wales. In conclusion, he would but repeat a part of the song which, but for want of time, they would now have an opportunity of listening to—

"In the heart of every Mason,
There always will be shared
The prayer that our Grand Master
May long to us be spared."

With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, who tendered his thanks on behalf of the great chiefs of the Order, and also on his own account, not only for the reception given to him as a Past Grand Officer, but also for the honour conferred upon him by the W.M. again appointing him as Chaplain of the Lodge. Bro. Simpson followed with some well-chosen remarks, based on the Poet Laureate's ode at the opening of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, and concluded with the words—

"Sharers of our glorious past,
Britons, hold your own!
And God guard all!"

The Immediate Past Master then assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He was sure the toast would be received by the brethren with the greatest enthusiasm. He had intended to make a somewhat lengthy speech, as he had felt that was necessary to do justice to the subject, but the circumstances of the hour prevented his doing so. The brethren were, of course, aware that their Worshipful Master occupied a position in public life, and, although he had intended and had wished to be present during the whole of the ceremonies that day, his public duties had detained him too late to enable him to keep his original appointment. Their Worshipful Master was truly a representative Westminster man, and as such they greeted him as ruler of the Abbey Lodge. He and the members of his family had been identified with Westminster for many more years than any one in the room could remember, and they might rest assured he would maintain the reputation of their Lodge during his Mastership of it. In the name of the members, and on his own behalf, he wished him a happy and prosperous term of office. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had been prepared to meet with a certain amount of cordiality at the hands of his brethren, but he was not prepared for so hearty a reception as had just been accorded to him. He had a feeling of diffidence when he was asked to accept the post he now had the honour to occupy, but after the very hearty welcome with which they had received the words of the Immediate Past Master, and the brilliant reception they had accorded to him, he felt he need have no fear about attempting to perform the duties of the office he had undertaken; while any shortcomings which he might evince would be pardoned by the kind friends whom he saw around him. He offered his apologies for not being present in Lodge in time to fulfil his engagements according to the original programme, and asked them to remember that during his year of office he was a Freemason and nothing more. The only explanation he could give, and which he hoped they would all receive as being a true one, was that circumstances beyond his power of governance prevented him from keeping many engagements into which he had entered. Yet one word more with regard to the non-performance of duties; he hoped they would believe that he thoroughly intended to fulfil the duties appertaining to his proud position as Master of the Lodge, and it was only because of the lateness of the hour that he postponed the performance of those duties until they should have the pleasure and privilege of meeting again. He felt deeply indebted to the Lodge for placing him in the position of Worshipful Master. Reference had been made to his birth and parentage, but not to his education. Had that been properly gone into, they would have found that not only was he a Westminster man, and that his father, and grandfather, had lived in Westminster before him, but that he had received his education in the Collegiate School not far from where he then stood. Though he was not actually born in Westminster—and circumstances compelled it to be otherwise—yet he was christened by the then Rector, the Rev. A. Jennings, by whom he and every other member of his family had been married. He was therefore thoroughly identified with Westminster, and hoped he should continue to be so for the remainder of his days. Occupying for the first time in his life the position of Worshipful Master of a Lodge, he felt it a decided privilege and pleasure. He had no hesitation in saying he was well aware of his shortcomings, but he had only to follow in the footsteps of the two Masters who had been so successful in that chair and he should do well. On the other hand, in consequence of their goodness, his own shortcomings stood out in all the greater contrast. Though he could not compete with them in the discharge of the duties pertaining to the office, yet he could compete with them in admiration of, and reverence for, any general indoctrinism to be discovered in the glorious Ritual belonging to the mystic Craft; and he hoped he had derived from it the means of making himself more extensively useful to his fellow-creatures. When they looked to the great and glorious teachings of their Ritual, they might combat with all the powers of Atheism and Socialism that stared them in the face, and brave any foe that might be brought against them. By following out the principles of Masonry, they would bring into the fold a great number of men who would increase the national strength, and add to the happiness and future greatness of the country. The next toast was the Visitors, and, in proposing it, the Worshipful Master said the Abbey Lodge was a very young one, but during the two short years of its existence it had been presided over by Masters who had performed the duties of the Lodge in so admirable a manner as to win for it the halo of renown it then enjoyed. The members of the Lodge would not wish such an occasion as the present to pass without the presence of Visitors from other Lodges, and he hoped the guests that night would be able to go forth into the Masonic world with a good opinion of the day's proceedings in the Abbey Lodge. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the names of two distinguished guests, Colonel Edis, who was well known both in the Masonic world and outside of it, and his old friend, the Hon. and Rev. Francis Byng. He hoped that, from what the Visitors had seen of the Abbey Lodge that day, they would be induced to come amongst them on many future occasions. Col. Edis responded in a forcible speech. He especially referred to the fact of there being upwards of fifty installed Masters present at the installation, and to the pleasure the guests felt in seeing the Lodge so prosperous. The Rev. F. Byng followed, making appropriate allusions to his association with the City of Westminster, and to the House of Commons, where he had the pleasure of meeting the Worshipful Master and one of the Past Masters of the Abbey Lodge. Bro. Nairn also responded on behalf of the Visitors, tendering his thanks, and paying a well-merited compliment to the members for the way in which the day's proceedings had been carried out. The health of the Installing Past Master was next proposed by the W.M. The toast was one which needed but few words on his part to commend it to their acceptance, for when they looked at the way in which Bro. Baker had discharged the duties pertaining to his office during the past year, not only the members of the Abbey Lodge, but Visitors from other Lodges would admit that no Lodge had ever possessed a better Master. No brother could have performed his duties with more ability, or in a manner reflecting greater credit upon himself, or more to the satisfaction of the brethren, than he had done. Theirs being a young Lodge, the number of Past Masters was small, and it happened that their I.P.M. was the Installing Officer of the day. He was the second P.M. only of which their Lodge could boast, but he thought the brethren would say that the two Masters who had reigned in the Abbey Lodge had so fulfilled their duties that, while they had raised the character and renown of the Lodge, they had placed a very hard task upon their successors in office. Great and good was their first Master (Bro. Burdett-Coutts), in whose praise not one word too much could be said, for they all knew how ably and energetically he performed his task, and those who had been behind the scenes, and knew what a vast amount of labour devolved upon the Master of a Lodge, were aware of the immense pains which Bro. Baker had bestowed upon the work that had fallen to his lot. He referred to the zeal, energy, and ability with which those duties had been fulfilled, and said Bro. Baker was equally assiduous in other callings in life, whether at the vestry board or in works of Charity. If any movement was started for a particular and deserving object, no one was more prominent in it than their excellent Installing Past Master. He was only echoing the sentiment felt by every brother present when he said he hoped they should long see the Installing Master of that day not only working with them in the Abbey Lodge, but in the grand old parish and city and liberty of Westminster. The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, asked Bro. Baker's acceptance of a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the brethren, as a token of their sincere and earnest hope that he might long be spared to wear it in their midst, and that he might ever look with pride, pleasure, and satisfaction upon the way in which he had always been received in the Lodge, and the many friendships he had made amongst them. He trusted that harmony and friendliness would be cemented in the Lodge, so that in the future they might be brethren, not only in name, but in earnest. He then fastened on Bro. Baker's breast the magnificent gold jewel, on which was enamelled the words, "W.M. Secundus, 1886," underneath which were the Westminster arms, with the number of the Lodge. On the reverse side was engraved the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. William Henry Baker P.M., by the brethren of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, in token of esteem, and of high appreciation of the services rendered by him as their second Master. 10th May 1886."

Bro. Baker returned his sincere thanks. He had that day been placed in two very difficult positions—one in the Lodge, and one out of it. The one in the Lodge was a position that very few Masters could possibly have undertaken; and he apologised for any shortcomings that might have taken place in consequence. He assured them that the message received early in the evening from their W.M. quite unhinged him, and he scarcely knew what to do, or how to proceed. The second difficulty was that which the W.M. had just imposed upon him, and that was to respond, in adequate terms,

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for the kindly, and he feared too flattering, way in which the toast of his health had been proposed, and for the cordiality with which it had been received by the brethren present. No one was more aware than he himself of his shortcomings during the past year. It was all very well to say no, but he had a difficult position to fill, and he had been obliged to follow one of the most distinguished Masons who had ever graced the Craft. He was followed by another equally distinguished, who would fully maintain the reputation and the honour of the Abbey Lodge. It could not be denied that his position, intermediate between the two distinguished brethren he had named, was a very difficult one to fill, but he trusted he had been enabled to fill it with a certain amount of consideration for the brethren, while he had striven to his utmost to maintain the reputation, honour, and stability of the Abbey Lodge. So much with regard to his personal duties in the chair. One word more, and that was to thank them for the splendid jewel which the Worshipful Master had placed upon his breast that evening. He asked the brethren to believe him when he said he should always esteem that as one of the proudest memorials he could have of the regard and affection which the brethren had evinced towards him as the Master of the Abbey Lodge. He should look upon it as a jewel which he could always wear in any Lodge with pride and satisfaction, and he concluded by again thanking them for the very great honour they had conferred upon him. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Initiates, whom he congratulated upon their admission into the Lodge, and whom, he hoped, would follow heartily and sincerely in the footsteps of their predecessors in the Lodge. Bros. Hodson and Foster having replied, the toast of the Past Masters was given, Bro. Bowman Soiuk acknowledging it. This was followed by the Charities, acknowledged by Bro. Binckes; the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, and finally, the Tyler's toast, which latter brought a very pleasant and successful gathering to a conclusion.

EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of this flourishing young Lodge was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Cock Hotel, Epping. There were present Bros. J. Salmon W.M., Acworth I.P.M. and Treas., and J. Woodrow S.W., J. London J.W., Fraser S.D., Barns acting J.D., Hughes I.G., W. Dance Sec., Parkinson Tyler, and a number of members and visitors. The minutes of the Lodge of Emergency and ordinary Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Sutton Abbott answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Sutton Abbott was duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the work being most impressively performed by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his Wardens, &c. Bros. Roworth, Osell, Taylor, and Miller were passed Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed. The Province has reason to be proud of its new Lodge, and if it continues to prosper in the way it has done since January last, when our esteemed Bro. J. Salmon was installed its second W.M., it cannot fail to become a very strong Lodge, both numerically and financially.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE regular meetings of this Lodge were resumed on Wednesday, 28th April, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, when there were present :—Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. S. Fraser Secretary, E. Samuel S.D., M. C. Laing J.D., W. G. Goode I.G., W. Lane Tyler, W. D. Merritt acting I.P.M., W. G. Oates and S. Oxenham Stewards; also Bros. E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, H. Moseley, and D. Guedalla. Visitors—Bros. F. J. Blake P.P.G. Registrar Surrey P.P.G.D. Gloucester, W. H. M. Smith W.M. 463, Maitland H. Dicker W.M. 1470, F. Knight 1185, R. W. Wilson 2054, F. Carter 14, and T. H. Bentley 1248. The minutes of the last meeting, and the emergency meeting held in London in September last were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Dr. Arthur Matthey and Henry David Guedalla and Ernest C. Lemon, and it proving unanimously in their favour, Dr. Matthey and Mr. Guedalla were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. gave the charge after the initiation. The next business was to elect the W.M., and Bro. H. M. Hobbs was unanimously chosen Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Joseph Langton was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lane re-elected Tyler. The acting I.P.M. proposed, in appropriate terms, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the W.M. on his retiring from the chair, and it was carried unanimously. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and after hearty good wishes from the Visitors the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. In the course of the evening the W.M. expressed his regret that his year of office had drawn to a close, and assured the brethren of his appreciation of the high Masonic honour conferred on him in appointing him first Master of the George Price Lodge. He also congratulated the brethren on their choice of W.M. in Bro. Hobbs, who was instrumental in founding the Lodge, and moreover a very hard working Mason. The Master elect, in response, thanked the brethren for the confidence they had placed in him in electing him Master for the ensuing year, and assured them that he would, to the best of his ability, follow in the footsteps of the first Master. The enjoyment of the evening was considerably added to by some capital songs from Bros. Dicker, Bentley, Ridpath, and Guedalla.

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THE twenty-first installation meeting of this excellent working and prosperous Chapter was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell, London, on Monday, the 10th instant. Chapter was opened by Excellent Companions J. W. Watts M.E.Z., W. Wilkins H., H. Baldwin J., and the Past Principals then present, after which Comps. below the chair were admitted. Amongst those who attended, in addition to the above named, were Past First Principals James Stevens, M. S. Larkham, T. Poore Scribe E., R. N. Field, B. R. Bryant, J. S. Terry D.C.; and Comps. G. T. Thornes S.N., H. C. Jefferys J. elect, C. Holcroft P.S., H. A. Woodwell, E. Whittaker, G. Treves, W. H. Tilling, S. Richardson, H. Burnell, W. Lane, &c. The Visitors were ex-Comps. S. P. Catterson P.Z. 79 548, H. Maunder Williams J. 1396, and J. Read 279. The minutes of the previous Convocation having been confirmed, Bro. William Lucas, of the Royal Leopold Lodge, was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The installation of the Principals for the ensuing year was then undertaken by Ex-Comp. Thomas Poore P.Z. and Scribe E., who, it is needless to say, discharged that duty with all the care and attention to detail for which that veteran Freemason is so justly celebrated. Ex. Comp. H. Wilkins, who we regretted to find still in anything but good health, was installed M.E.Z., Ex. Comp. H. Baldwin H., and Comp. H. C. Jefferys J. The Officers then invested were Ex. Companions Poore P.Z. Scribe E., C. Holcroft Scribe N., B. R. Bryant P.Z. Treas., E. Whittaker P.S., G. Treves 1st A.S., W. H. Tilling 2nd A.S., J. S. Terry P.Z. D.C., and W. Lane Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee, which was of a most encouraging character, was received and adopted, and in the course of the evening the services of the I.P.Z., Ex-Comp. Watts, in promoting during his year the great improvement in the financial condition of the Chapter, were suitably acknowledged by the presentation to him of a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, with appropriate inscription. After the despatch of routine business, the Companions adjourned to banquet, and spent a very pleasant evening after the never yet broken fashion which has characterised the Panmure Chapter throughout its twenty-one years' existence. To this fact Ex-Comp. James Stevens P.Z. bore witness, from practical experience of every such meeting of the Chapter since its consecration; and the visiting Companions, S. B. Catterson, H. Maunder Williams, and J. Read, severally expressed their pleasure in renewing former visits for association with R.A. Masons who so well understood the practice of the principles of the Order in communicating happiness. With earnestly expressed wishes for the restoration to health of their M.E.Z., Ex-Comp. Wilkins, and for the continued improvement of the Chapter, the Companions separated at a reasonable hour, well satisfied with the proceedings of the evening.

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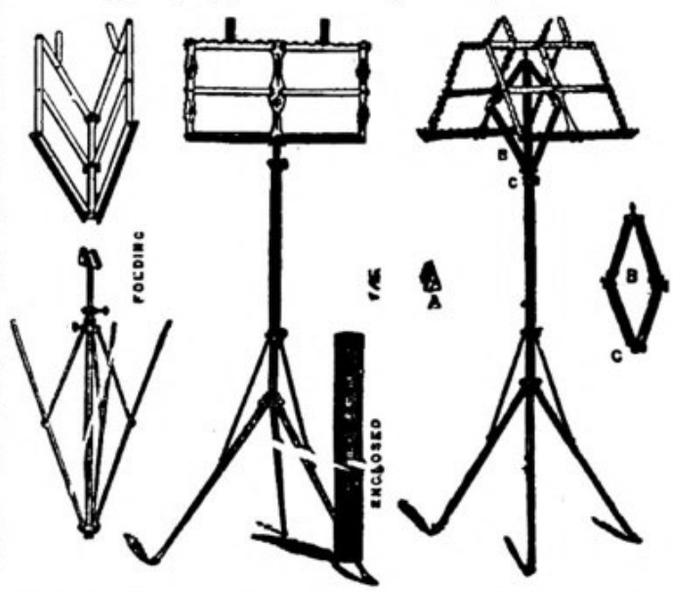

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CONSECRATION OF THE GORDON LODGE, No. 2149.

ON Tuesday, 4th instant, the Gordon Lodge was consecrated at Hanley, making the 28th Lodge now held in the Province of Staffordshire. The Gordon is an offshoot of the Menturia, the jubilee of which was celebrated two years ago, and most of the founders of the former are still members of the latter. It appears to have been the great success of the Menturia which rendered a new Lodge in Hanley desirable in the judgment of many of the members, who number nearly 80; and although opinion on the subject was divided, it may be assumed that all opposition to the formation of a new Lodge has been withdrawn, and that the two Lodges will work harmoniously. The founders of the Gordon Lodge have all taken office—namely Bros. John Bromley W.M., J. L. Hamshaw S.W., Henry Palmer J.W., E. E. Scrivener P.P.G.S.D. S.D., J. West Jones J.D., John Warner Treasurer, J. B. Piercy P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, Thomas Taylor P.P.G.S.W. D.C., Frederick Mountford P.G.O. Organist, and J. Charlesworth I.G. Prior to the commencement of the proceedings, Bro. Bromley entertained at luncheon, at his residence, The Mount, Penkhull, the founders of the Lodge and the following brethren:—Col. G. S. Tudor P.G.M., Col. Foster Gough D.P.G.M., Dr. J. Clarke P.G.S.W., C. T. Cavendish P.G.J.W., the Rev. F. Lloyd P.G. Chaplain, W. Cartwright P.G.S., H. C. Faram P.G.S.D., T. K. Pedley P.G. Supt. of Works, T. E. Fowke P.G.D.C., E. Croydon P.G.A. Sec., G. W. Walker P.G.S.B., J. Ingamells 460 P.P.G.J.D., E. B. Jackson W.M. 418, D. Smith W.M 637, F. Barlow W.M. 546, G. C. Kent P.M. 546, W. Savage P.M. 451, J. B. Ashwell J.W. 637, the Rev. F. E. Waters Chaplain 418, and Lawton 1031. At half-past one o'clock in the afternoon there was a large assemblage of brethren at the Mechanics' Hall, Hanley, where the interesting ceremony of consecration was to take place. In addition to those whose names are given above, there were present Bros. F. Derry 539 P.P.G.S.W., W. Hulse P.P.G.S.W., T. Bickley 418 P.P.G.J.W., A. L. Bread 460 P.P.G.J.W., R. Tooth 637 P.P.G.R., F. W. Tomkinson 451 P.P.G.S.D., F. W. Grove 1192 P.P.G.J.D., W. Maskew 98 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, W. Needam 966 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. S. Crapper 418 P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Dain 98 P.P.G.A.D.C., S. Bennett 98 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. F. Pepper 482 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. C. Clemesha 966 P.P.G.S.B., F. Weston 98 P.P.G.S.B., W. Vernon 156 P.P.G.S.B., T. Unwin 637 P.P.G.P., J. Mottram 726 P.G.A.P., G. Woolf W.M. 98, S. Parkes W.M. 419, J. T. Snape W.M. 460, W. Davenport W.M. 966, J. Stevenson W.M. 1942, F. J. Milner P.M. 966, G. Chell P.M. 966, J. Clark P.M. 526, W. Brown W.M. 347, A. J. Wallen P.M. 802, J. S. Furnival P.M. 533, J. Stringer P.M. 418, B. S. Brough P.M. 546, R. Hilditch P.M. 98, &c., there being altogether upwards of 120 brethren present. The ceremony was performed by the P.G.M. Col. Tudor, who having opened the Lodge, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and Bro. Croydon, as A.P.G. Sec., stated that the founders had petitioned for permission to establish a Lodge to be called the Gordon, and they were anxious to have the Lodge consecrated and the Officers installed. The warrant of the Grand Lodge, which was signed by the Earl of Lathom as D.G.M., approved the name, numbered the Lodge 2149, and specified Hanley as the place of meeting. Bro. John Bromley was designated W.M., and Bros. Hamshaw and Palmer Wardens. The other founders having signified their approval of the Officers named, and promised to comply with the laws of the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. the Rev. F. Lloyd delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Order. Having referred to the proceedings of the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge at Lichfield a year ago, and at Wolverhampton in October last, he said they had now obeyed the commands of their superiors, and mustered round the standard in the metropoli of the Pottery towns to discharge an agreeable and high duty. The solemn service of that day should lead their minds through the paths of serious contemplation to remember on what principles and for what purposes their ancient Order was founded. Freemasonry had its bitter enemies and its doubting despisers. Some there were who complained it was made a substitute for religion, whereas it was only the handmaid to her

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fair graces. Others presumed the labours of Masons were trifling, absurd mysteries, or profane mummeries, whereas there was no subject existing within the range and grasp of the human intellect into which the science of Freemasonry did not enter in the pursuit of wisdom and knowledge. Some ridiculed the secrets of Freemasons, declaring them to be either hurtful to society or wrong in themselves, whereas those secrets were bonds of their mutual fidelity, by which they obliged themselves "to trace wisdom and follow virtue." Time was when the members of the Craft were denounced as dangerous, and every man of eminence known to be a Mason was called upon to renounce his connection with the societies. But in the face of all opposition the Fraternity was calm, and the sun of Masonry had dispersed the clouds which darkened her sky so long. Without territorial possessions, without any other coercing power than that of morality and virtue, Freemasonry had survived the wreck of mighty empires, and resisted the destroying hand of time. No other institution could be compared with it. Every other society sank into insignificance when placed by the side of Masonry, Christianity alone excepted. Like Gray's virtuous peasant, Freemasonry kept the noiseless tenour of its way, and rejoiced in the unsullied happiness of doing good. Why did Freemasonry first begin to exist, and why had the institution been thus preserved? Masons' work began with the creation. To understand the measures of weight and light and sound—to unravel, sieze upon, and comprehend those unchanging laws by which the earth, the sun, the moon, the planets were sustained in space—to follow up the changes of seasons, and in every step of the investigation, as the intellect climbed from lofty truths to truths still more lofty, to pause in profound admiration, to feel the Creator close to the creature, and to adore—this was the first aim of Masonry, this its task, ever fresh, never ended—a science teeming with new results and adding incentive after incentive to praise and glorify the Great Architect of the Universe. Freemasonry had been preserved because it instructed its members to worship their Almighty Maker, to honour and obey the sovereign of their country, to be peaceful in their stations, diligent in their callings, honest in their dealings, respectful towards their superiors, gentle and condescending to their inferiors, merciful towards their enemies, kind and obliging in all the duties of their common life. Such was the institution which God had preserved to the world, unlimited in its numbers, and scattered over every land and kingdom. The work of the Fraternity to-day was to be true to the original character of the Order; to continue to follow the God of Nature through all the wonderful variety of His works; and to keep the silence and observe the sacred rules imposed upon the Craft by Solomon. It might be said by some scoffer, if Masonry be such a pure and ennobling science, should not all Masons be wise and good and temperate and self-denying, full of piety and good works? The answer was that the fitness of any system was not to be tried and condemned because of unworthiness in some. If any men had been led by an impatient curiosity, without higher motive to place unhallowed feet on the tesselated pavement, if any had turned the hallowed purposes of Masonry into mere convivial meetings, if any had been content with merely acquiring superficial acquaintance with the Craft, let not the system itself be charged with their perversions, their sins or their folly; an unworthy brother would perhaps have been a worse man if he had not been a Mason. He concluded with an exhortation to the brethren to use all the passing hours of this life in works of charity towards their fellow-men and in piety towards God. The Chaplain then read the 1st to the 16th verses of the 2nd Chapter of 2 Chronicles. The Lodge board having been uncovered, the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Wardens perambulated the Lodge, and at the appointed times scattered the emblems of plenty, of joy and happiness, and of unity. During the greater part of the proceedings music of a solemn and impressive character was introduced, the P.G.O. (Bro. Mountford) presiding at the harmonium. After the consecration ceremony the P.G.M. vacated the chair, and the W.M. designate was installed in a very able manner by Bro. J. L. Hamshaw. After the business of the Lodge, about 60 of the brethren adjourned to the Saracen's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Hassall. The W.M. presided, and at the conclusion of the dinner he proposed the loyal toasts and the health of Earl Carnarvon (Pro G.M.), the Earl of Lathom (D.G.M.), and other Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Foster Gough appropriately responded. Bro. Hamshaw, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the P.G.M., which was drunk with great cordiality. Col. Tudor, in responding, acknowledged the heartiness with which he had always been welcomed in North Staffordshire. He spoke of his desire to discharge the duties of his office faithfully and impartially, observing that, with the very best intentions, it was sometimes difficult—not to say impossible—to give satisfaction to all. In all that he did he endeavoured to do that which would be to the advantage of Freemasonry. He (Col. Tudor) then proposed the health of the W.M. and success to the Gordon Lodge, expressing himself gratified with everything he had seen in relation to the Lodge that day, and his firm belief that the Lodge would prosper. The toast was well received. Bro. Bromley acknowledged the toast. He disclaimed any desire on the part of the members of the Gordon Lodge to damage the Menturia, whose interest he still had at heart. But he fully believed there was ample room for both Lodges, and that both would prosper. He proposed the toast of the Menturia Lodge, coupling with it the name of Bro. W. H. Hales, who responded, remarking that he believed the Menturia would continue to maintain the high position it had held for half a century. He trusted that each Lodge would have a large accession of members, for he was sure there was room for both. Bro. the Rev. F. Lloyd proposed the health of Bro. Hamshaw, installing Master, who spoke of the impressiveness of the Masonic ceremonies, and said all his Masonic knowledge had been gained at the Menturia Lodge. Bro. Charlesworth proposed the health of Bro. Foster Gough and the other Officers of the P.G. Lodge, present and past, for whom Bros. Croydon and Lloyd responded. Bro. Palmer proposed The Visitors, and the toast was acknowledged by Bros. F. J. Milner, J. Webberley, and T. K. Pedley. Bro. Jackson prosented the toast of the Officers of the Gordon Lodge, on whose behalf Bro. J. W. Jones returned thanks. The health of the P.G. Chaplain, with thanks to him for his splendid oration at the consecration, was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. F. Lloyd. Bro. T. Taylor proposed the Masonic Charities. He remarked that in round figures the Masons of the country subscribed £50,000 a year for their three central charitable institutions. In addition, there were many valuable local institutions, including the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, the advantages of which he pointed out. Bro. F. Derry, whose name was coupled with the toast, observed that a grand work was being done by Staffordshire in support of the Charities, and foremost in contributing to that result was the Menturia. The Tyler's toast concluded the list. The speeches, which were brief, were interspersed with some excellent vocal music by the Silverdale Glee party, and the evening was spent very pleasantly.—*Staffordshire Advertiser.*

REVIEWS.

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HERE, in the form of a neat little sixpenny handbook, we have presented to us a selection of articles which have appeared in the public Press on the holiday resorts in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex, embellished with engravings of the most favourite resorts in each of the three counties named. We prefer this means of disseminating information respecting "holiday haunts" to the stereotyped "guide books" which are to be found in almost every little watering place or sequestered nook which can boast of a local scribe. In such cases the "guide" is invariably an advertising puff, in order to attract visitors, who fail, on arrival there, to realise the glowing descriptions of the author; but from the pens of disinterested correspondents, writing to the newspapers, there is a far better opportunity of judging of the character of the localities that are indicated, and of the best means of utilising one's time most profitably and enjoyably. This little *brochure* comes very opportunely just at this season, when Paterfamilias is arranging to send "the wife and the dear girls" away on their annual trip; and to those who are revelling in agreeable anticipations of that sort, we cordially commend the work before us. It is not our province to recount the experience of these correspondents of our contemporaries, which are reproduced, "by permission," in the pages of the handbook; suffice to say, if the pleasant explorations of our *confrères* are read, they will prove an inducement to many to wend their way to the bracing and breezy Eastern Counties where, both at the seaside and inland there are attractions as varied as they are numerous. The articles are capitally written, in a chatty vein, and will serve up as matter on which to feast the imagination—or recollection—by those who are either unable to visit these favoured haunts, or who, maybe, have been there in the course of their summer peregrinations on holiday bent.

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THE prospectus of this Company, which appears on another page, has just been issued, and from it our readers will perceive that it is intended to raise a capital of £120,000 in 10,000 shares of £12 each, the object being to purchase and carry on the business of the Oxley Ranche, in Alberta Province, N.W.T., Canada. The ranche was established four years ago, and it will strike intending investors that, with such names as the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., Mr. A. Staveley Hill, Q.C. M.P., and Mr. George Baird as the largest shareholders and directors, acting in conjunction with other gentlemen eminent in the commercial world, the undertaking is of a most solid and substantial character. The largest number of shares (3,333) allowed by the rules of the Stock Exchange will be allotted, with £9 10s per share, credited as paid up, to the vendors, in part payment of the purchase money. The directors and their friends have applied for 1,700 shares, and they will be allotted in full, at par. The balance of 4,967 shares are now offered for subscription at par. We are informed that up to the present time the business of the ranche, which is 300,000 acres in extent, has been highly successful and lucrative, the herd having been carefully improved in grade by the admixture of young bulls of the highest class, specially imported from England. The conditions under which the land is held under lease from the Canadian Government are exceedingly favourable, and the profits, both in cattle and horses, have been decidedly good. The ranche is under the most practical experienced management, and, taking a comprehensive calculation of the prospectus issued, we should say the investment is one which should be carefully weighed by those who are casting about them for a safe and profitable investment.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Travellers to and from distant climes would do well to bear in mind that these changes and the altered diet and surroundings of their lives entail manifold risks to health. Occasions are sure to arise in which they will need a remedy such as these renowned Pills and Ointment, and no traveller by land or sea should ever fail to have a supply at hand. Then he may truly be said to have a physician always at his call for the various emergencies of travel. Chills and fevers should be promptly treated, and the printed directions should be carefully studied at the commencement of any illness, for Holloway's remedies can be safely used in all climates.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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The Grand.—We have all heard of the devoted Browning Society, whose mission is the elucidation of the mystic utterances of its titulary divinity; and now Shelley, whose name was erst Anathema Maranatha, may rejoice in a band of devotees celebrating "pious orgies" in his praise. To Dr. Furnival the honour is due of founding the society, and it numbers in its ranks such names as Stofford Brook, Mrs. Glyn-Dallas, W. M. Rosette, Mrs. Kendal, Prof. Napier, Miss Alma Murray, Hermann Vezin, a multitude of literary luminaries and Committees of Collegiate Libraries and the Library Committee of Guildhall. "So does the whirligig of time bring about its revenges." Dr. Furnival and his Committee from the beginning were determined that the world should have the opportunity of seeing on the stage Shelley's redoubtable tragedy, "The Cenci." Miss Alma Murray and Mr. Hermann Vezin warmly seconded the project, and especially Miss Murray, who proceeded to use all her influence to warm the sympathies of West End managers in the undertaking; but the W. and S.W. sense of propriety proved too severe, and it was only among the hardy Northmen of Islington that she found the requisite courage. Mr. Wilmot, of the Grand, offered his theatre on the most generous conditions, and the play was produced last Friday afternoon. "The High Street" has rarely seen such an entanglement of broughams and barouches, hansoms and sublime family chariots, as were struggling towards the theatre doors at two o'clock; and it was amusing enough to see the bewilderment of these wanderers from afar as they appealed hopelessly to each other while endeavouring to find their appointed places. Before the curtain drew up, the whole building was densely crowded. A prologue had been written for the occasion by Dr. Todhunter, in which we heard something about the "tinsel woes of the mummer's art," about "tawdry properties," about Mr. Browning in the stalls like "an Archangel holding scales," and manipulating a crucible as a kind of sanatory inspector for the occasion, until the hour (two o'clock) peals out 'The Cenci.'" Mr. Outram had a very difficult task in struggling with his prologue; but wherefore wrap himself up in that great grey dressing-gown? The public is generally inclined to resent a prologue, but "The Cenci" public accepted Dr. Todhunter's patiently, and warmly applauded his allusion to their Browning's birthday, that day, viz., 7th of May. So much has been written in our contemporaries about the morality, or want of it, in the tragedy, that we need not discuss it; but this, however, we will say—that the presentment of sin and crime is moral or immoral only from the point of view. The tale "Dame Aux Camellias" is surely not a moral story. The tale of "The Woman taken in Adultery" is one of the most sublime homilies. Art should surely hold the mirror up to Nature. The beholder must draw what lesson he can; Art should not pretend to improve the occasion. In "The Cenci," Art, great, soul-thrilling and pathetic as her power is, has unhappily lifted her mirror, not to reflect Nature, but a monstrous moral abortion. So that whilst we are thrilled by the poet's and the actor's genius, we resent the spells they throw over us. We feel that the Court Cenci whom Shelley, at war with the world, threw as a defiance at the world he hated—this Count Cenci whom Mr. Hermann Vezin makes to live and breathe, till we accept the poet's nightmare as a thing of life; yet we know it is all a nightmare, all the historical documents notwithstanding. A two-headed nightingale or a pig-faced lady are as fit subjects for Art as the hero of Shelley's tragedy. In Mr. Hermann Vezin's hands this monster is lifted into a Satanic grandeur; rather an embodiment of the spirit of evil seems visible on the scene, than the wretched human monster we associate with Count Francesco's name. If some future Byron Society should ever put "Cain" upon the stage, may we be there to see Mr. Vezin as the Lucifer. How sublime would be his presentment of that abyss of malignity and despair! The Beatrice of Miss Alma Murray was assuredly a revelation of that lady's powers. Her tender dignity and sweet womanliness, even amid her awful degradation and despair, touched the horror of the scene as with the tenderness of soft music. How great her power over the emotion was shown by the complete hold she maintained on the rapt audience during the long Fourth and Fifth Acts, when the whole weight of the play rested on her. She was almost able to conceal the wholly unsatisfactory development of the story after the death of the Count. Shelley most inconsequently makes Beatrice prevaricate and shrink with pitiful cowardliness from the thought of death, when she has declared that life was an unendurable burden. In these same acts we should quite lose the Beatrice we have loved but for Miss Murray's skill in preserving the same sweet embodiment, despite the words put forth from her lips. The cast of the play was efficient. Especially deserving of praise was Mr. Mark Ambient, whose Bernardo Cenci was instinct with tender, youthful fervour; a fitting brother of the sweet Beatrice. Mr. Foss was excellent as a "first murderer," especially in the scene when brought writhing from the rack. Mr. Outram, as a villainous priest-lover, showed an intelligent grasp of a difficult part. The scenery was good, and the costumes in excellent taste. "The Cenci" is too monotonous in its gloom ever to take a place as an acting play, but its great power, and the opportunities it gives in its leading parts, would always make it interesting as a dramatic *tour de force*.

Royalty.—When Mr. Dion Boucicault produced his comedy "Led Astray" in 1874, it will ever be remembered for the remarkable acting of Mr. Charles Thorne, and the success of Miss Helen Barry, who for the first time appeared in a part requiring boldness and strong nervous power. Miss Barry made her first appearance since her return from America last Wednesday week in this popular "Led Astray," playing the same part as when the piece was first produced. Miss Barry has played the character of Armande Chandoce so often that she has made it her own, and the way she portrays the romantic, neglected wife, admits of but little room for improvement. With admirable skill Miss Barry suggests Armande's yearnings for the sympathy which is denied her by those from whom she expects it, and depicts with considerable force the various phases of her struggle against the temptation that besets her. At other points she has invested the part with fresh and effective touches; she lays more stress on the wife's endeavour to hide from those around her her pensive sorrow, and the existence of a weakness which never really approaches guilt. All through the piece Miss Barry's part is very interesting, and the applause which is nightly bestowed on her testifies the satisfaction which she gives. Mr. H. R. Teesdale does not make the husband anything but a cowardly sophist, who expects from his wife that fidelity which he does not himself display. Mr. Frederick Lewis causes considerable humour as the good-natured Hector Placido, while the Mount Gosline of Mr. W. T. Hemsley is good. The part of the novelist, George de Lesparre, is entrusted to Mr. Neville Doone, and he plays with that seriousness which the part requires. Mr. Peyton's Irish accent as Major O'Hara is very funny. Miss Gertrude Tempest as Mathilde is somewhat awkward, but withal she acts good naturedly. The part of Susanna O'Hara is made the most of by Miss Grace Armytage, while the two mothers are represented by Miss Marie Davis and Mrs. De Solla. The piece is splendidly staged, and during its short run a success may undoubtedly be predicted for it.

Toole's.—After running for nearly three months with but little success, "Faust and Loose" has had to be withdrawn. Mr. Toole could not get playgoers to forget the unsuccessful first two or three nights, and as a consequence the burlesque of "Faust" failed to fill the little house in King William Street. Mr. Manager has paid the penalty of producing such a piece before it was ready, and has now put on "The Serious Family," an adaptation from the French, by Morris Barnett, which he had previously brought forward at a matinée. It is nearly forty years since Buckstone appeared as the canting gentleman, who makes such disturbances in the Torrens household, and it might, on account of age, claim to be original to the average playgoer; but, admitting this, public taste has changed so much that it is doubtful if its story will interest an audience of the present day. The husband, who is so borne down by the will of his wife and mother-in-law, that he has to play the hypocrite at home, and carry his gaiety abroad, in the way it is managed in "The Serious Family" is not likely to be over popular. The Aminadab Sleek of Mr. Toole is a part that the popular actor manages to identify himself with, and he is never once betrayed into revealing his own individuality. Mr. E. W. Ward as the husband, is exceedingly good, but looks too manly to be ruled by his wife and mother-in-law. Mr. Billington plays with dash as the Irish captain, who is the means of bringing cheerfulness to "the Serious Family." Miss Marie Linden is excellent as the widow Mrs. Delmain, and Miss Emily Thorne admirably portrays the mother-in-law. "Ici on Parle Français" is the after piece, and this induces considerable hilarity.

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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, 15th MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
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

149—Pence, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 17th MAY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
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, 6s Regent Street, W.

R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarence Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
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
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 30—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 18th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 1
55—Confidence, Belle Vue Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
63—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, Canonbury Hotel,
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Citton 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, Peckham-road, Denmark 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)
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—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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. 205—Israel, Cannon Sstreet Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
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.

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
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.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
980—Hute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hal , Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Ball Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2045—Wharton, Willesden
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton. (Consecration)

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 349—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 486—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 690—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. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (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. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stamford Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
619—Bendon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belmam, 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, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 616 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1952—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1981—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.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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R.A. 1505—Ley Springs, Red Lion, Leyfoot-lane
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
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363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
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592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
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606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
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. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 20th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lealenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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)
913—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.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burpett 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
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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7 30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, 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. 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
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Ontheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1162—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1298—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
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
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
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Hasling den
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 21st MAY.

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, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
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)
749—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
833—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.
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1295—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, Larbroke 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.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 48—Kenneys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Shaldura
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-u-Lyne
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1086—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
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, 22nd MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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—Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sussex 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

1484—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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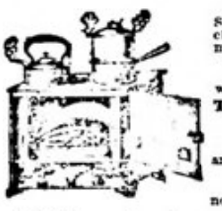

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

FOR the second time during the current year the Freemasons of England have shown, in the most practical manner, their desire to maintain that reputation for benevolence which has long been associated with them, in connection with the three great charitable Institutions of the Order. The Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, and the result of the appeals to the craft of which that meeting was the climax, was an addition to the funds of the Institution of £13,029 3s 0d. This total is something like a thousand pounds short of what was announced at the corresponding Festival last year, but even then it is a grand sum to raise as a year's contribution to one of the three Charities of Freemasonry, especially when we consider it in connection with the equally satisfactory total of £15,000 raised for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last. The total thus far for the year is therefore £28,030, and if we may anticipate that there will be no falling off in the support given to the Boys' School, the Festival of which will be held at Brighton in a month's time, this year's total will bear favourable comparison with any which has preceded it.

The £13,029 raised on Wednesday was the result of the efforts of two hundred and seventy-four stewards, four of whom have yet to make a return, so that the average of the lists sent in is upwards of £48 5s 0d. The honour of the largest list is on this occasion secured by a Provincial Steward—Bro. B. J. Thompson, representing the Province of Northumberland—who collected £905 2s 0d. He is followed by one of the Surrey Stewards—Bro. Joseph D. Langton—who, although only representing a Private Lodge, the George Price, No. 2096, brings up the grand sum of £407 18s 6d. To this brother must, we think, be accorded the palm, for while his only competitor had the whole of the Province of Northumberland from which to solicit subscriptions, Bro. Langton had only a single Lodge, and that too a very young one, in a Province which had twenty-one other Stewards at work, among them the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy.

One hundred and twenty-four of the Stewards appear on the London list: thirteen as members of the House Committee, eighty-nine as representatives of Lodges, and twenty-two as unattached. The totals collected by these brethren were £679 10s, £4,190 19s 6d, and £523 13s respectively; £5,394 2s 6d in all. Bro. Bernhard Kauffmann heads the London Stewards, as far as total is concerned, his list, as representative of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, amounting to £164 17s. He is followed by Bro. Alfred R. W. Powles, with a list of £153 6s from the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901; and then by Bro. George Coop, from the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, with a round £150. Thus we have three Lodges, all comparatively young, heading the list of London contributors to the festival, and sending up amongst them close on £470. This is an answer—and a most satisfactory one—to the large body of Masons who lament the extension of Freemasons' Lodges in the Metropolis; who affirm that the granting of a warrant is a mistake, and that each one granted for years past has been detrimental to the interests of the Order. Fourth on the roll of London Stewards is Bro. Frank Richardson, a member of the House Committee of the Institution, who has been successful in securing towards this Festival a total of £138 10s. He is followed by Comp. Charles Tayler, of the Eccleston Chapter, with a list of £120 15s, who in turn is succeeded by Bro. K. R. Murchison, a Steward from the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, who figures for £103. There are three brethren who share among themselves the honours of the next rank, lists of one hundred guineas each having been subscribed by Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall (a member of the House Committee of the Institution), Brother T. B. Daniell (Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781), and Bro. Francis W. Stamp (Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178), while two other brethren, C. H. Bardouleau and Rowland Hirst bring up a similar amount as joint representatives of their Lodge, the Langthorne, No. 1421. Bro. Chas. Hammerton, another member of the House Committee, answers for a total of £100, as also does Bro. W. T. P. Montgomery, of Peckham Lodge, No. 1475. These twelve lists bring us to the end of the three-figure totals from the Metropolis, and as usual we here conclude our remarks on this section of the Festival. It must not, however, be assumed that we imagine anything under one hundred pounds as being unworthy of mention; on the contrary, we should much like to offer a few words of congratulation to each of the other Stewards individually. It is only the necessity for keeping within the limits of the space at our disposal which compels us to draw a line, and that line has usually been at the close of the three figure lists.

We now turn to the Provinces, first among which comes, as should be the case, the district over which the chairman of the day presides as Provincial Grand Master. Surrey on this occasion sent up a magnificent sum, the total of its contributions, at the hands of twenty-two Stewards, being £1,334 4s 6d, but we leave further consideration of this amount, as well as other Provincial contributions, until next week.

THE Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, under the presidency of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. As stated above, the result was a grand addition to the funds of the Institution, and one of which the Chairman, the Stewards, and all interested in the Charity, have every reason to be proud. The usual banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, and at its conclusion the toasts of the evening were honoured. It was not merely as loyal subjects, said the Chairman, that those present should drink the health of Her Majesty the Queen, who had ruled over the nation wisely and well for close on fifty years, but also as Freemasons, for they could but remember how intimately the Queen was associated with the Order. Her father and three of her sons had associated themselves with the Craft, while many other branches of her family were likewise members of it. She was also chief Patroness of the Institution the Festival of which they were then celebrating. The toast was followed by that of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., Grand Patron and President of the Institution;

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the Princess of Wales, Grand Patroness; and the other members of the Royal family. The Chairman thought it was very fortunate that many years ago the Prince of Wales was persuaded to become Grand Master of England. He had recently heard of an American newspaper which suggested that the initiation of the son of His Royal Highness was a hole and corner affair, and that it ought to have taken place in a larger assembly of Masons. His Royal Highness was Master of the Royal Alpha Lodge, and he appealed to those present whether it was not perfectly natural that the Prince should desire to initiate his son in the Lodge over which he presided. He had the privilege of being present at that initiation, and hoped Prince Albert Victor would follow in the footsteps of his Royal father. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers was next submitted. The Chairman said this was really the proposition of his own health, but with that modesty which at all times distinguished Freemasons he could not omit giving it. He believed that all the Grand Officers tried to do their duty as well as they could. The position was sometimes an anomaly, all there was to do being to set a good example to the younger brethren, which he hoped and believed they did. With the toast was coupled the name of Brother Sir William Clark, District Grand Master of Victoria, who he felt sure must have been pleased, like others who had recently arrived from the Colonies, at the welcome which had been given them in connection with the Exhibition just opened in London. Brother Sir W. Clark felt highly complimented in having his name associated with those included in the toast. He should be very glad when they had an Institution in Victoria similar to that the Festival of which they were then celebrating, and he did not think it would be long before such would be established. The brethren of Victoria had already done their best as far as a Charitable Fund was concerned, but had not as yet been rich enough to endow an Educational Institution. When he was previously in England the brethren of the Colony had asked him if Lady Clark would take charge of an orphan girl who had been educated in the School. They took her, and found her a well-educated and well-conducted girl. She had since met with great success in Victoria. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G. Master West Yorkshire, proposed the health of the Chairman. General Brownrigg had occasionally visited West Yorkshire, where the brethren were always proud to meet him in their Lodges. Bro. Tew then traced the career of "Our next Chairman," both military and Masonic, and concluded by formally submitting the toast. General Brownrigg, having replied, submitted the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, coupled with the health of the Treasurer. He briefly traced the rise of the Charity, and said it was utterly impossible for any one who had not seen the School to form any conception of what it was. There was neatness, regularity, and perfect discipline connected with it such as he had never seen at any other school, and he had had some experience in looking after schools of different sorts. The drill of the girls was the most perfect he had ever witnessed. On one occasion he had been asked to say something to the girls as to what he had seen. He told them that in his soldier days he had seen the manœuvres of almost every military nation in the world, but had never seen anything to equal the beauty of their drill. He was an old adjutant, but had never seen anything so perfect as the wheeling and counter-marching of the girls at Battersea. He did not tell them that, but he did say they were the prettiest battallion he had ever seen. He urged the brethren to support this excellent School, mentioning that a very good plan was to put down their children's names as Governors and Life Governors. He had qualified the son of his old age—who was that day four weeks old—as a Governor of the Institution. Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer and Vice-President of the Institution, replied. He felt that the Treasurers of the Masonic Charitable Institutions were much to be envied. His experience of Treasurers outside of Freemasonry was that very frequently they had to provide the treasure, rather than take care of it. A very different state of things existed with them, and he submitted it could not be too often or too widely made known or repeated for the benefit of managers of Charitable Institutions outside Masonry that the sumptuous banquet they had just partaken of was not provided at the cost of the Institution, but out of the pockets of the brethren. It was also the custom of the Stewards to commemorate the generosity of the brethren by inviting the children to an annual outing at the Crystal Palace. Very gratefully, on behalf of the Executive Committee, did he acknowledge the generosity of the brethren in entrusting them with funds sufficient to maintain and educate adequately to fight the battle of life the 243 girls that had been committed to their care, and they looked forward to the time when, by a continuance and by an extension of generosity they might still further spread the benefits of the Institution. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution, then read the list of amounts subscribed, of which we give full details in our present issue, after which the Chairman proposed the toast of the other Masonic Charities—and success to them, to which Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, responded. The Stewards of the Day and the Ladies having been toasted the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

We append the list of contributions.

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	J H Matthews	21	0	0
	James Moon	21	0	0
	Colonel James Peters	21	0	0
	Frank Richardson	138	10	0
Lodge				
1 Br.	R Hervé Girand	21	0	0
Chapter				
1 Comp.	Ralph Gooding, M.D.	21	0	0
Lodge				
2 Br.	T P Shipp	23	2	0
3	J Larkin	31	18	0
4	H E Pollard	16	16	0
5	A Ball	74	11	0
6	Gen. J S Brownrigg, C.B. (see Surrey)			
7	A Sauvée	16	16	0
8	H Pullman			
10	P A Scratchley	63	0	0
11	F C McQueen	25	0	0
14	Valentine Robinson	14	14	0
18	Capt. C. Probyn	42	0	0
19	W M Bywater	52	10	0
21	Marcus R Sewill	29	8	0
26	Francis W Macan	27	6	0
29	John Clarricoats	26	5	0
33	E P B Hallowes	34	2	0
55	Edward H Brown	50	0	0
Chapter				
58 Comp.	W John Crump	51	9	0
Lodge				
63 Br.	Ashley Gibbings	55	13	0
69	Geo F Marshall	75	0	0
90	W Peter Brown	36	15	0
90	John H Usmar	71	7	0
91	W James Parker	43	1	0
92	Richard W Tweedie			
147	John Dixon	60	0	0
162	T Burne	40	19	0
166	F W Smith	30	9	0
172	John Whaley	46	9	0
174	J S Fraser	52	10	0
179	W F Hughes	45	0	0
183	Stephen Richardson	54	12	0
193	Frank Silvester	35	19	0
194	J Chapman	25	0	0
197	R F Grantham	52	0	0
198	Maj. G. Lambert, F.S.A.	21	0	0
205	J Da Silva	60	0	0
222	J Dixon Sykes	68	5	0
231	N N Sherwood	31	0	0
256	John A Farnfield	49	7	0
259	Sir Lionel E Darell, Bart.	52	10	0
715	J A Alsop	21	0	0
749	G Samuel Elliott	31	17	0
754	A G Fidler	64	1	0
781	T B Daniell	105	0	0
822	E McAlister Seaton	44	2	0
834	James Sims	69	11	0
857	Joseph F Lavington	40	0	0
907	R Jennings, G Wallace	36	15	0
917	G Redding	27	16	0
1159	Richard Bird	23	2	0
1178	Francis W Stamp	105	0	0
1196	G E Fairchild	85	1	0
1216	G Waterall	36	15	0
1329	G W Marsden jun.	41	3	6
1348	James Warren	40	0	0
1361	J J Wedgwood, M.D.	26	5	0
1381	John Plowman	52	10	0
1383	K R Murchison	108	0	0
1420	C J Richardson	50	8	0
1421	C H Bardouleau, Rowland Hirst	105	0	0
1475	W T P Montgomery	100	0	0
1489	Wm. Gray	16	16	0
1538	R C Liversedge	15	15	0
1539	W G Cannon	36	15	0
1584	T Drew Bear	40	7	0
1615	Capt. F S G Moon	21	0	0
1623	J J Howes	80	0	0
Chapter				
1624 Comp.	Chas. Tayler	120	15	0
Lodge				
1641 Br.	R Greenwood	22	6	0
1679	E F Storr	30	0	0
1693	James Cooper	31	10	0
1704	T Wells Thorpe	36	15	0
1716	W C Young	47	5	0
1719	H J Davis	47	5	0
1732	Bernhard Kauffman	164	17	0
1767	J W Barker	31	10	0
1820	Henry Grey	42	0	0
Chapter				
1900 Comp.	G P Festa	21	0	0

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Lodge		£	s	d
1901	Br. Alfred R W Powles	153	6	0
1928	Charles F Pardon	42	0	0
2021	George Coop	150	0	0
2032	John P Houghton	39	18	0
2045	Rev. J Crane Wharton, M.A.	25	0	0
2045	David Stroud	42	0	0
2108	C Washington Eves	15	15	0
2128	W Masters	36	15	0

UNATTACHED.

Br.	The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor	21	0	0
	Asher Barfield	21	0	0
	J Bartle	10	10	0
	F T Bennett	10	10	0
	Robert Berridge	10	10	0
	C W Carrell	30	0	0
	R E Catterson	11	11	0
	George Cooper	26	5	0
	T Edmonston	35	0	0
	R W Galer	15	15	0
	William Gayton, M.D.	16	16	0
	N Goodchild	25	0	0
	Fred C Hill	10	10	0
	Dr. T S Howell	10	10	0
	William Klingenstein	26	5	0
	Chas Lambert	10	10	0
	John L Mather	73	10	0
	William Morley	11	11	0
	H F Nash	10	10	0
	Alderman Savory	10	10	0
	J R Spaull	52	10	0
	James Terry	63	0	0

THE PROVINCES.

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BEDFORDSHIRE.

540	Br. Samuel L Kilpin	80	1	0
1470	M H Dicker	44	2	0
	S J Attenborough	10	10	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

795	John Greenfield	57	15	0
1566	Henry Warden	115	0	0
1887	Samuel Dyer	55	0	0

BRISTOL.

The Province	Bro. P Harris	145	19	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Province	Bro. C A Vinter	273	0	0

CHESHIRE.

Lodge				
428	Br. Rev. C W Spencer-Stanhope	31	10	0
537	George Brown	10	10	0
537	Thomas Marwood	15	15	0
537	Edwin Woodhead	10	10	0
1565	William Bradford	10	10	0

CORNWALL.

	Controller S G Bake	31	10	0

DERBYSHIRE.

1085	Henry Carr	25	19	6
1688	John H Orme	11	11	0

DEVONSHIRE.

189 / 1205	T W Lemon, M.A.	136	19	0

DORSETSHIRE.

The Province and No. 137	Bro. W Douglas Dugdale	142	16	0
The Province and No. 170	Z Milledge			

DURHAM.

124	Br. William Logan	57	15	0
Unattached	Br. J H Holmes	10	10	0

ESSEX.

160	Br. Harry Sims	10	10	0
276	Andrew Durrant	36	15	0
650	Richard Clowes	38	17	0
1000	G F Jones	66	3	0
1437	Francis A White	57	15	0
	Ebenezer Shedd	35	14	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82	G S Atkins	17	17	0
493	Samuel Bland	78	15	0
493	J A Matthews			
592	Henry Tovey	68	5	0
	R V Vassar-Smith	57	15	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

151	W T Way-Backell	48	16	3
309	John W Gieve	71	4	3
1331	R White	33	12	0
	Rev. J N Palmer	10	10	0

HEREFORDSHIRE.

892	Rev. R Evans, M.A.	74	11	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

404	Geo. E Lake	100	16	0
1984	H J Giller	25	0	0

KENT.

615	John Aillud	25	5	0
615	Geo. W Mitchell	63	0	0
709	Fred. H. Hallett	73	10	0
829	Thomas Knight	36	10	0
913	Henry Mason	210	10	0
1107	Joseph Storey	37	16	0
1414	Charles Holcroft	64	11	6
1692	R V Harman	34	18	0

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).

152	W Jaffrey	10	10	0
317	W B Akerman	10	10	0
1723	Matthew Fielding	10	10	0
1773	Wm. Hardcastle	60	0	0
1798	Philip Hart	10	10	0
	Sundry	68	5	0

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

The Province, Bro. R Goodacre.		147	0	0
Lodge				
32	Br. Robert W Bourne	10	10	0
32	S G Sinclair	63	0	0
155 / 680	E Pierpoint	10	10	0
414	Thomas Worsley	10	10	0
730	Thomas Forester	10	10	0
1313	Thomas Whitehead	21	0	0
1380	J Cobham	10	10	0
1387	Henry Marshall	27	6	0
1730	John Slyman	31	10	0
1814	W Y Martin / Israel Wallwork	10	10	0

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

	Bro. W. Kelly	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

1238	Alfred Wm Gower	49	7	0
1292	Dr. H W Roberts	56	14	0
1326	H Jas. Dawe	10	10	0
1326	Fred. Dunstan	20	9	6
1512	W Spearing	20	12	0
2105	D P Cama	15	15	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Province, Bro. S. Davies		162	15	0
1429	Master Willie Watkins	36	15	0

NORFOLK.

The Province, Bro. H G Barwell		25	4	0
Cabbell Preceptory, K.T., Sir Knight G W G Barnard		42	0	0

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Province and 406	Bro. B J Thomson	905	2	0

NORTH WALES.

1849	Br. Lt.-Col. Henry Platt	70	17	6
	C K Benson	26	5	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	Capt. G Parker Airey	50	17	0
357	Rob. E Baynes	20	15	0
478	Joseph Shaw	23	17	6
1703	Henry Druce	10	10	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Province and 135	Bro. W Porritt	133	7	0

SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION).

The Province, Bro. W C Peace		140	0	0

Lodge		£	s	d
	STAFFORDSHIRE.			
The Province and No. 456 / The Province and No. 482	Bro. W Vernon / Rev. Wm. Randall	204	15	0

SUFFOLK.

The Province, Bro. W Page T Phillips, M.A.		116	0	6
	Bro. E St. G Cobbold	10	10	0

SURREY.

Prov. G.M. Bro. Gen. J S Brownrigg, C.B., (Chairman), and Prov. G.L.		193	10	0
Br.	C Greenwood D.P.G.M.	43	10	6
Br.	Chas Greenwood jun.	15	15	0
370	Br. H C Leigh-Bennett	47	4	0
410	Morcton	15	15	0
452	H E Frances	31	10	0
463	John Hooke	105	0	0
777	Charles Belton	89	15	6
889	Thomas Long	42	0	0
1149	P L Marten	26	5	0
Chapter 1149	Comp. Fred Flood	11	11	0
Lodge 1362	Br. W A Laker	63	0	0
1395	Arthur H Bowles	21	0	0
Chapter 1395	Comp. T Wakley jun.	21	0	0
Lodge 1638	Br. J W Moorman	26	5	0
1861	Thomas Vincent	21	0	0
1892	Alfred Bishop	32	11	0
1920	Rev. W Stainer	31	10	0
1981	Wm Youlden	18	18	0
2096	Joseph D Langton	407	18	6
2146	C C Gibbes, M.D.	15	15	0
	John G Horsey	53	11	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

43	J G Albert	12	12	0
284	J W Margetts	85	1	0
739	A G Harding	5	5	0

WILTSHIRE.

The Prov. & 355	Bro. J C Maclean	200	4	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

377	Br. J W Consterdine-Chadwick	15	15	0
	A F Godson	10	10	0
	Geo. W Grosvenor	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

1248	Sir George Sitwell, Bart., M.P.	42	0	0
1611	Wm. Brown	40	0	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

	T W Tew, Prov G.M.			
61	Wm. Gaukroger			
139	Joseph Jackman			
149	T Allen Haigh			
149	W Thomas Sugg			
149	Henry Todd			
296	R M Brown			
448	Richard Hodgson			
439	Samuel White			
495	Lt.-Col. A H Charlesworth			
495	Thomas Horner			
495	Geo. Fred. Wild			
827	Edward Poppleton			
827	G King Robinson			
904	Peter B Coward	500	0	0
904	Wm. Dickie			
904	James Jenkin			
910	Robert Fisher			
1211	J Cooper Eddison			
1211	John W Fourness			
1211	A W Youings			
1239	James Hastings			
1239	George H Hunt			
1513	J W Embleton			
1736	Jos. H Bolton			
2069	Robert Abbott			
2069	B Sykes Bailey			
2069	Alfred Cooke			
2069	Rev. T Cartwright Smyth, D.D.			

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

84	Frederick Clarke	63	0	0

PUNJAB.

2121	Rev. A H Hildesley			

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CONSECRATION THE LODGE OF HOPE No. 2153.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the 12th instant, the interesting and impressive ceremony of constituting a new Lodge was performed in the Thorngate Hall, Gosport, by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was accompanied by several Provincial Officers. There was a good muster of the members of the new Lodge, which has been established more particularly for members of the Services and of visiting brethren. The P.G.M. having taken the chair and appointed the Wardens pro tem, delivered an address, remarking that the application for the warrant for the Lodge indicated a desire to promote and extend the benefits of Freemasonry. There would, it was perfectly true, be little cause for congratulation were there any doubts as to the success of the Lodge in the future, or as to the sincere wish of the brethren who were joining it to promote it. That, he trusted, they might dismiss from their minds. No doubt the brethren of Gosport, emulating their brethren in Portsmouth, who had such a number of Lodges, were desirous of extending their Lodges, which was not surprising, considering the growth that Gosport was making. That being the case, and a number of brethren having signified their wish to join in promoting a new Lodge, he had every desire to assist them by all means in his power, and therefore he had come there that day, it being one that he thought would probably be convenient to them, and on which he could be spared from the House of Commons, though the business on most days was rather of an entrancing nature. What was the work on which they were engaged? Was theirs a society based on the principles of yesterday? No, it was a society based on principles which had existed for thousands of years. It was curious that almost from day to day things were brought to light which showed that Freemasonry must have existed even for a longer time than they had an idea of. They had remains of buildings brought to light which bore traces of Masonic emblems, showing that in those days there were brethren who desire to perpetuate their society. It had been found that in countries which they had no idea had any contact with the civilised portion of the world Freemasonry must have existed, and how it could possible have permeated to those remote places was a perfect marvel to them. But, as a rule, Masonry had been synonymous with, and had extended with knowledge. This showed that Masonry was one of those societies which were allied to the best interests of civilisation. Their society promulgated some of the best principles which, apart from Christianity, could be inculcated. How could what was taught in their ritual fail to exercise a favourable influence upon the conduct of men if only they acted up to them? It was only for them to do so and they would become better citizens, better men, and have increased reverence for the Great Being who created the world and all that was in it. It was surprising, considering the length of time that Freemasonry had existed, that there were hardly any cases where brethren or Lodges had fallen away from the principles which had been inculcated. There had been a melancholy instance in recent times, which he trusted might never occur again. Most of the Lodges in France had fallen away from the faith and traditions of their forefathers and rejected the name of the Supreme Being within the walls of their Lodges. Had this repudiation been received with favour in other countries? Far from it. They had been refused intercourse with Freemasons in other countries, and in England they had been accounted as out of the pale of the Masonic Order. He thought this showed that the brethren of this day were determined not to reject the excellent lessons given them in the past. He trusted that the work in which they were engaged might be fraught with prosperity to the Order, and that the Lodge of Hope would shed a bright influence around and be an honour to the Order they loved so well. The P.G. Secretary having read the petition and warrant for the establishment of the new Lodge, which is to be held on the third Wednesday in each month, at the India Arms Hotel, a short address in advocacy of charity was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, Grand Chaplain of England, after which the ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. T. F. Wilton presiding at the harmonium. The W.M. designate of the new Lodge, Bro. Francis Powell P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant, was presented to the P.G.M. by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, officiating for the D.P.G.M. (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre), who, it was explained, was in London on other Masonic duty, and on the completion of the ceremony of installation the W.M. appointed the Officers, as under:—Bro. W. Green P.M. S.W., T. Stretton J.W., Rev R. Measham P.M. Chaplain, H. Crisp Treasurer, W. J. Pawsey Secretary, T. Pearson S.D., Major E. S. Innes J.D., T. W. Holdstock I.G., J. G. Williams D.C., D. Batson Org., E. Jewell and E. H. Buck Stewards, L. Cauvin Tyler. Before close of the Lodge several members were proposed, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the P.G.M. and to the Officers for presenting the collars and jewels. Letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from, among others, General Sir G. Willis, Captain Lord C. Beresford, M.P., General Sir F. Fitz Wygram, M.P., Captain Sir Alfred Balliston, R.N., Colonel Sir F. Festing, R.M.A., Captain Colomb, R.N., and Colonel Crease, R.M.A. The W.M. presided at the banquet which followed, at the India Arms Hotel, when the usual toasts were proposed.—*Evening Mail.*

CONSECRATION OF THE SURBITON LODGE, No. 2416.

ANOTHER Lodge has just been added to the roll of the Craft, and, leaving aside the question so often discussed as to whether the multiplication of the branches of Freemasonry is wise in policy or otherwise, we must congratulate our brethren of Surbiton upon the excellent start that was made by this latest addition to the Fraternity on Tuesday last. This is the thirty-first Lodge which has been established in the county of Surrey, and the event, graced as it was by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., drew a large number of the Prov. Grand Officers from various centres in the county, as well as brethren from London and Lodges in adjacent Provinces. The weather was delightfully fine, and a "day in the country" was thoroughly enjoyed, as it should be at this season of the year, when this purlieu of the silvery Thames appears at its brightest, clad with the livery of Spring. The brethren assembled in the Lodge-room at noon, and had time to inspect and admire the commodious and suitable hall which had been provided for the purpose, with the whole of the arrangements and appointments of which they expressed themselves delighted. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master took the chair, appointing as his Wardens Bros. W. H. Perryman A.G.P., and Thomas Long P.M. and Treasurer 889 P.P.G.D.C., who was assisted in the consecration ceremony by Bros. Rev. Geoffrey Hughes P.G.C. Surrey Chaplain, John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey Director of Ceremonies, R. Sebastian Hart P.G.S.D. Surrey Installing Officer, James Squire P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, Charles Greenwood jun. acting P.G. Secretary P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, and W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Samuel Hewett 1614, James Packham 3, John Drewett S.W. 1638, W. Drewett J.W. 889, George Moorman J.W. 1981, G. W. Avliffe 946, Wm. Chapman S.W. 889, H. J. Rose 1793, James Hill W.M. 1658, Edwin Q. Auster 7, J. Jacobs I.P.M. 1614, Edward Jacobs P.M. 1614, George Coleman P.M. 1614, E Stillwell P.G.S. W.M. 1872, W. H. Bays P.M. 1658, Henry King P.M. 1639, Robert Walden D.C. 1658, A. Alden 2032, J. W. Moorman W.M. 1638 Sec. 1981, H. Weaver W.M. 889, G. T. Clayton P.M. 1872 P.G.A.D.C. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the Prov. G. Master was saluted, and the acting Secretary having handed the petition and warrant to the Prov. Grand Master, the latter addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, in the course of his brief but practical observations expressing the gratification it afforded him to witness the progress that Freemasonry was making. He was always pleased to recommend the petition for a new warrant in cases where it was, in his judgment, and that of the brethren, desirable, and they would all agree that this was a case in which such petition had been very properly applied for and acceded to. The founders of the Lodge were Bros. Dr. C. C. Gibbes P.M. 1872 and P.P.G.J.D. the Worshipful Master Designate, Albert Storr P.M. 1658 and A. Wilson P.M. 1298 the Wardens Designate, J. W. Allen, Austin, T. Beck, G. F. Budden, C. Brain, S. Hewett, F. P. Hill, J. H. Jarvis, A. Jobbins, F. Lockett, W. Metcalfe, W. McMillan, J. Packham, W. W. Wakeford, C. Worry, and W. Douglas Young. The brethren of the new Lodge having been arranged in order, the Director of Ceremonies read the petition and warrant, to which the names of the above founders were appended, and the brethren signified in Masonic form their approval of the Officers named in the warrant. The Prov. Grand Master then called upon Bro. W. W. Morgan for an address upon the nature and design of the Institution, and in response Bro. Morgan observed that knowing the Prov. Grand Master had other engagements it made it desirable that brevity should prevail on this occasion, and therefore the remarks he was about to submit to the brethren would be few, though they need not lack earnestness of purpose. On looking around he found himself surrounded by brethren who had distinguished themselves, and had brought the full benefit of their experience to bear upon the Craft, and therefore he need not detain them with any exposition of the nature of the Institution, the objects and constitution of which they knew so well. But as a natural consequence of the formation of a new Lodge the design of the Institution might well demand a little more of their attention, and he reminded them that a Lodge of Freemasons, to be successful and harmonious in its sphere, should consist of men who would enter heartily and thoroughly into the work set before them, with a desire and a will to do the best they possibly could for those around them, and more especially to uphold and support each other in all their doings in life, so far as these did not prove derogatory to their personal interests and duties. He spoke earnestly on the essential importance of studying closely and practising the principles and tenets of the Craft in their entirety, as by so doing they would do much to enhance the happiness and prosperity not only of themselves, but of the human family universally. Casually referring to the use and the abuse of the ballot, which subject had recently formed a matter of considerable comment in certain circles, he briefly reminded the brethren that judicious use should be made of the privilege thus accorded to them, that the black ball should not be employed unless in cases of necessity, and the power absolutely vested in them exercised only in extreme cases. The bonds of brotherly love which cemented them as one body in this grand Institution should teach them the principles of temperance and generous forbearance, wisdom and discretion tempered with their zeal; and, from what he had seen and knew of the brethren who had founded this Lodge, he was assured they would ever inculcate these precepts amongst the brethren who should be enrolled under its banner. In a properly organised Institution such as their own, there was but one aim and object that bound them all together in family relationship; and matters in which no cardinal points were involved might be amicably arranged without recourse to extreme measures, which were frequently the means of sowing the seeds of discord and discontent in even the most prosperous Lodges. If this idea were carried out, there was ample scope for the Lodge to progress to their mutual advantage, and the benefit of the district in which they were now assembled. He congratulated the brethren upon the successful launching of their new venture, which he was perfectly assured, under the wise and able guidance of their estimable Prov. Grand Master, would prove a most valuable acquisition to the Craft. The anthem commencing "'Tis a pleasant thing to see," was then sung, Bro. Sebastian Hart presiding at the organ; and this, as well as the other musical portions of the impressive rite, was efficiently carried out. The first portion of the dedication prayer was then said by the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Geoffrey Hughes P.G.C. Surrey; and the brethren turning to the East, the Prov. Grand Master gave the

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Invocation, which was heartily responded to. The Chaplain having read 2 Chron. ii. 1-16, the Lodge board was uncovered, and the Master and Wardens *pro tem* carried the elements of consecration three times around the room, halting in the East at each perambulation, amidst solemn music. The Prov. Grand Master then dedicated the Lodge, the ceremony being followed by the anthem, "Glory to God on high," and the second portion of the dedication prayer was said. The Prov. Grand Master having duly constituted the Lodge, the benediction was pronounced by the Chaplain. Lodge having been resumed in the second degree, the Provincial Grand Master inquired of the Director of Ceremonies if he had examined the Master and Wardens designate, and found the Master nominate well skilled in the noble science, and duly instructed in its mysteries. Bro. Dr. C. C. Gibbes P.M. 1872 and P.P.G.J.D. was presented and assented to the responsibilities of the office as the first Master of the Lodge. Bro. Sebastian Hart had assumed the chair, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony was performed in faultless manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was saluted with the customary Masonic honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—Bros. Albert Storr S.W., Alexander Wilson J.W., J. H. Jarvis Treasurer, John W. Allen Secretary, F. P. Hill S.D., S. Hewett J.D., W. Douglas Young I.G., G. F. Budden D.C., J. Beck Steward, F. Lockett Assistant Steward. Subsequently luncheon was provided, and the brethren and visitors sat down, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who proposed the customary toasts, the health of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Surrey being received with special and unbounded enthusiasm. He suitably responded, expressing the gratification it afforded him to be present on this interesting occasion. The D.P.G.M., the Prov. Grand Wardens, and Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past was given, and the Provincial Grand Master proposed in eulogistic terms the health of the W.M., who suitably acknowledged the cordial reception given to the toast. The Visitors were heartily greeted, and a tribute of praise bestowed upon the Officers of the Surbiton Lodge, including the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Masonic Charities were wished Godspeed to in a speech from the W.M., who intimated his intention of going up as a Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was to be held on the following day, under the presidency of their esteemed Prov. Grand Master. A collection was made, by which fifteen guineas were placed on the W.M.'s list. Before closing, it was announced that the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge would be held at Croydon, under the banner of the George Price Lodge.

MARK MASONRY.

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YORK LODGE (T.I.).

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 26th ult., at when there were present Bros. F. Smith W.M., G. Simpson J.W., W. B. Dyson M.O., W. Lackenby S.O., H. C. Pickersgill J.O., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., J. T. Seller P.M., C. G. Padel P.M. Org., G. Lamb S.D., A. H. H. McGachen J.D., P. Pearson Tyler, W. Wrigglesworth, S. G. Crammack, W. Brown, A. M. White, R. Ware, E. W. Purnell, J. R. Jackson, F. Smith 352, and others. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. H. K. Milbank 123 and Wm. Sharp 1611, and Bros. S. J. Dilton, T. Watkinson, W. Sharp, and H. V. Milbank were advanced to the degree. The Secretary reported a grant from the Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge towards the education of the son of a deceased brother. The D.P.G.M., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, was announced and received with the customary honours. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., whose resignation had been previously announced, was, on the motion of the Secretary, seconded by the Worshipful Master, elected an honorary member. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at refreshment, and passed a pleasant and social evening.

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HILDA CHAPTER, No. 23.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., a meeting of this body was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Bro. George Simpson M.W.S. presided. Two candidates were balloted for and accepted, Bros. Wm. H. Vane Millbank 123, and W. B. Dyson 1611, and these brethren were duly invested and proclaimed, the ceremony being worked by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. W.S. Apologies for absence were read from a number of brethren, including Bro. C. J. Banister S.G. I.G. for the district. Subsequently a pleasant evening was spent by the brethren, an excellent supper having been provided in the banquetting room.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE last meeting of the session in connection with this sound and prosperous old Masonic Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, 10th instant, when the W.M., Bro. W. Saint, was supported by his Officers, and over forty of the members and Past Masters. Among the latter were Bros. W. A. Cubitt I.P.M., S. Webb, J. E. Fells, W. Wood, J. Smith, R. Kershaw Treasurer, J. Shackell Secretary, Biddle Steward, and C. A. Davis. The Visitors included Bros. T. Roberts jun. 569, L. O. Mollet 765, H. Forss 917, H. W. Humphreys 1638, H. Waynforth 1766, C. M. Campbell 1638, H. Jay 174, and G. H. Stephens 1623. Lodge having been opened in due form, was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Alfred Mignot was passed. Bro. F. Hemings' name was on the agenda paper for raising, but he sent a letter of apology for unavoidable non-attendance. After the despatch of the usual Masonic business, Lodge was closed until the second Monday in October next. The brethren and visitors were afterwards entertained at a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Clemow's proverbially excellent style, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master spoke of Her Majesty's opening the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, and of her being then on her way to perform an equally interesting ceremony at Liverpool. He also alluded to the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales rendering his august mother such assistance, and of his being an ornament to the Craft. Bro. Cubitt, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Saint's sincere and earnest endeavour to make himself proficient in the ritual of Freemasonry, and to make every member of the Lodge, as well as the visiting brethren, comfortable. The W.M. having responded in suitable terms, several complimentary toasts followed, Bros. Jay, Stephenson, and Forss responding for the Visitors. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. S. Webb, F. Silvester S.W., and Bros. Forss and J. Roberts jun., the evening being brought to a conclusion by the Tyler's toast.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 12th inst., in the Library of Colchester Castle (kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. James Round, M.P.), when Bro. the Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.W. P.P.G.C. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. R. Haward Ives I.P.M. 51 P.G.A. Sec. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested as under—Bros. J. T. Bailey I.P.M., G. P. Hazell S.W., Henry J. Skingley J.W., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Richard Clowes P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Sec., Alfred Jas. Norman S.D., Arthur J. Ward J.D., Thomas Eustace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., C. Osmond P.M. 51 P.P.G.O. Org., Joseph Ashdown I.G., S. Munson Tyler, Manley, Horncastle, and Oldham Stewards. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Ives for his kindness and ability in performing the ceremony, especially as he was called upon at an hour's notice, owing to the V.W. D.P.G.M., who was to have been Installing Master, not being able to reach Colchester in time. The thanks of the Lodge were also given to Bro. Jas. Round, M.P., for kindly allowing the use of the room. Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, an elegant banquet being served by the new host, Mr. Morris. In replying to the toast of his health and that of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, the V.W. D.P.G.M. (Bro. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C.) congratulated the brethren upon the prosperous condition of the Province of Essex. When he first had the honour of being appointed D.P.G.M., which was in the lifetime of the late Lord Tenterden, there were but nineteen Lodges; now there twenty-four on the roll, and he understood from their Provincial Grand Secretary that the warrant for a new Lodge, to meet at Halstead, and to be named the "Joshua Nunn," had been received, and would shortly be consecrated. It was satisfactory to know that all the Lodges were doing good work for the Craft in Essex. It was only last Saturday that he was present at the installation meeting of one of the youngest of our Lodges—the Tilbury—and he found there the true spirit of Masonry pervading the brethren. They had just removed their Lodge into that magnificent hotel which had been erected in conjunction with the vast engineering undertaking of Tilbury Docks, which had brought the port of London into Essex. In conclusion, the V.W. D.P.G.M. expressed his regret that he had been unable to reach Colchester in time to perform the installation ceremony; and, while thanking Bro. Ives for his kindness in acting as substitute, complimented him on being able on so short a notice to carry out the work. During the evening an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out by Bros. Osmond, Clowes, Sparling, and Coombs, assisted by Masters Nunn, Coombs, and Watts, the latter kindly playing a very nice accompaniment to "La Serenata" on the violin. Amongst those present, besides the Officers mentioned above, were :—Brothers Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. D.P.G.M., F. Binckes P.G. Stwd. Sec. R.M.I.B., T. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.G.S.W., F. R. Hides I.P.M. 650 P.G.J.W., Jno. Corble W.M. 453, J. S. French W.M. 433, Andrew C. Durrant W.M. 276, M. L. Sanders W.M. 650 William Sowman P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., R. H. Ives P.M. 51 P.G.A. Sec., Walter J. Nunn W.M. 2063. R. F. Symmons, F. Quilter 51, F. Reichter 51, Chas. Gray 51, E. Williams 1016, and the following members of 697 :—Bros. A. Gosling P.M., G. A. Eustace P.M., Robert Smith P.M., Joshua Street P.M., J. H. Boulton,

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J. H. Johnson, G. A. Oldham, F. Freeman, George Beaumont, S. H. Ellis, T. J. Grant, R. J. Godfrey, L. F. Manley, F. Hersman, J. G. Potton, E. J. Horacastle, H. E. E. Williams, and A. S. B. Sparling.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., the regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. There were present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W., G. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.P., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., C. G. Padel P.M. P.P.G.O., J. T. Seller P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., W. Brown S.W., Geo. Chapman J.W., J. Kay Sec., W. Lockenby J.D., P. Pearson as I.G., W. Storey and J. D. Irving Stewards, R. Ware, W. T. Nance, H. Meunell, C. Tuff, W. Routledge, John Thorpe, W. R. Jackson, W. Wrigglesworth, J. E. Wilkinson, W. Sharp, R. M. Hayden, and others; whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. M. C. Peck P.M. 250 Prov. G. Sec., T. Thompson P.M. 57 P.P.G.D., J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G. Reg., W. Tesseyman P.M. 57 P.P.G.S. of W., W. H. Cowper P.M. 1848 P.P.G. Reg., E. Harding W.M. 1991, F. Woolnough 1991, A. M. White 1991, H. S. Hopton 256, W. Ward 236, and others. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Seller P.M., and, after the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for a candidate, after which an accepted candidate was initiated. The chair was then taken by Bro. M. Millington, who initiated a second candidate, the charge to the two candidates being given by Bro. Brown S.W. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., who said that there were occasions in the working of the Craft when very pleasant tasks had fallen to his lot, and this was one of them. It was one of the duties inculcated in their teachings that merit should have its reward, and that patient industry should not go unrecognised. Those who were active workers in Freemasonry were well aware how essential it was to the prosperity of any Lodge that those who might be termed its "staff" Officers should be energetic and careful, and should have the real interests of the Order at heart. Since that Lodge had been formed in 1876 it had been fortunate in the possession of a Treasurer who had steadily worked and laboured for its welfare. Bro. Balmford P.M. was the first Treasurer appointed, and he had annually received the unanimous vote of the brethren to the same office, the result being that he was at that moment their Treasurer after a service of 10 years. All the older members of the Lodge knew what had been done by the Lodge. They remembered the difficulties that had attended its formation, and the struggles that had eventuated in their possession of the beautiful building in which they were then met, the splendid furniture that surrounded them, and the valuable collection of Masonic books, pictures, and relics that formed their museum. Much of this was due to the careful manner in which the Treasurer had husbanded the resources of the Lodge, and the brethren had felt that some slight recognition was due from them to one who had served them so well. On behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, he asked Bro. Balmford's acceptance of a gold Treasurer's jewel, which he had great pleasure in placing upon his breast, wishing that he might be spared for many years to come, to work shoulder to shoulder with them in the great cause of brotherly love, relief, and truth. After the applause had subsided Bro. Whytehead resumed his remarks. He said that there was another brother with them that evening whose services had been even of a more laborious character than those of the Treasurer. He referred to the Secretary, Bro. James Kay. Bro. Kay was no novice at secretarial work. He had made his mark and won the respect of the brethren in Hull, where he was for years the Secretary of one of the Lodges before he came to York. He had been appointed Secretary of the Eboracum Lodge at its formation, and had annually been re-appointed to the office, with the exception of one year, when he served in a Warden's chair. The work of a Secretary involved a great deal of careful attention to details, and they were fortunate in the possession of a brother who was able to devote time and trouble to the work of that office. They all knew how courteous Bro. Kay always was, how ready to give information, and how genial, and it had been the wish of the members to pay him the compliment of presenting him with a Secretary's gold jewel, which he was truly glad to place upon his breast with the same good wishes and congratulation as he had expressed towards Bro. Balmford. Bros. Balmford and Kay then rose, amid the continued applause of the brethren, to express their thanks, which each did in a few well-chosen words. The presentations had come to them in the nature of surprises. Whatever they had done for the Lodge had been in a true spirit of anxiety for its prosperity, and it would be their pride and pleasure when they wore the jewels to remember the donors and the happy hours they had spent under the banner of Eboracum, No. 1611. The jewels were designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and were of a very chaste description. The Treasurer's consisted of the cross-keys, suspended from a Past Master's emblem under a scroll, inscribed:—

"Presented to W. Bro. G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., by the brethren of Eboracum, 1611."

That presented to the Secretary had the cross pens under a scroll, engraved:—

"Presented to Bro. J. Kay by the brethren of Eboracum, 1611."

The Secretary then read a letter from Bro. Stephenson I.G. thanking the Lodge for its sympathy with him in his severe illness. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the visitors, the Lodge was then closed, and the whole party adjourned to an excellent supper which had been set in the banqueting room. The tables were tastefully decorated with plants. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presided, and was supported by the other Past Masters and visitors. At the conclusion of supper an adjournment was made to the smoke room, where the usual toasts were given. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. J. Todd P.M. 236, and W. H. Cowper P.M. 1848. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was drunk with musical honours, and a right merry evening, enlivened with songs, came to an end all too soon.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is the youngest of the five so-called Jewish Lodges of Freemasons in London, was held on the 11th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall (Café Royal), Regent-street, when there was a representative gathering of members and Visitors, the latter including the Worshipful Masters of the Tranquillity, Joppa, and Montefiore Lodges. The brethren assembled at half-past four o'clock, and Lodge was opened in form, under the presidency of Bro. H. W. Casperd, who was supported by Bros. R. A. Kingsbury S.W. W.M. elect, B. Fald J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnet P.M. Secretary, J. S. Miller S.D., S. Lancaster J.D., Isaac Levy I.G., H. Moss Steward; P.M.'s H. Aarons, J. Quincey, C. Ochsee; Bros. C. Benjamin, Isaac Kool, C. A. Adams, J. F. Durban, F. G. Brown, F. T. Drewell, J. Van Praagh, A. H. Marks, Emil Hahn, J. N. Nash, J. Seigenberg, A. P. Casperd, A. Oberdorffer Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. D. M. Davis W.M. 1017, J. N. Dewsnap W.M. 188, W. D. Bayley W.M. 185, H. H. Myers J.W. 1707, R. G. Crawford, and T. E. Clarke 55, W. J. Frith 1005, H. J. Amphlett, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. J. F. Durban and C. A. Adams were passed, the ceremony being worked with a precision and impressiveness for which the retiring W.M. has become proverbial. Bro. R. A. Kingsbury, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the preceding year, was then presented for installation, and in the rendering of this impressive rite Brother Casperd may be said to have even excelled himself, so admirably and faultlessly was the work executed. The ancient charges were given with all the requisite effect, and the whole ceremony was such as to elicit the hearty encomiums of all present. The newly-installed W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner, proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. H. W. Casperd I.P.M., B. Field S.W., J. S. Miller J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., Baron D. Barnet P.M. Sec., S. Lancaster S.D., Isaac Levy J.D., F. G. Brown I.G., F. T. Drewell D.C., H. Moss Assist. D.C., J. Van Praagh W.S., A. Oberdorffer Tyler. Hearty good wishes having been interchanged, Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in *récherché* style, the arrangements made for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests being all that could be desired. At dessert the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. The W.M. observed that it was the highest honour Freemasonry could have attained to have at its head the coming King, whose sway would cover upwards of three hundred millions of people. No person enjoying higher respect in the universe could have been selected as Grand Master of the Craft, and they were all proud that they could take the hand of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and say, "He is a brother amongst us." He then proposed the R.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. He had hoped to have had the presence of one of the Grand Officers that evening, but at the last moment the Grand Treasurer had written to say he was unable to accept the invitation to attend, and in an extremely pleasant letter begged him to apologise to the brethren for his unavoidable absence from their meeting. The names of the noble brethren who held offices in Grand Lodge were names which they all honoured, for they were men who did not seek Masonry for what they could get out of it; and he was glad that Masonry was looked upon by such noblemen as Lords Carnarvon, Lathom, and others, as an institution worthy of their earnest and zealous support. They all strove to uphold the Grand Master in the exalted position which he held, and administered the affairs of Grand Lodge in a manner that evoked the admiration of the brethren generally. Bro. Casperd I.P.M. then rose and said he was delighted to have the gavel in his hands once more, for he had become so used to it that he could hardly leave it alone. But if he ever held it with a degree of pleasure it was at the present moment, when about to propose the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. He was sure that toast would be received with the utmost cordiality and satisfaction, for they all knew the admirable qualities possessed by Bro. Kingsbury, who had that day been installed into the chair. For his own part, he was glad that he was out of office, so far as the work of the Samson Lodge was concerned; and he only hoped that their new W.M. would have double the amount of work that had devolved upon himself during his year of office. He had known their W.M. for he scarcely knew how many years—before he was married, at any rate—and all he could say was that, if ever a man acted Masonry before he knew Masonry, that man was their Worshipful Master. Since he had known it he had always kept up to it. He rejoiced to know that Bro. Kingsbury succeeded him in the chair, for he felt certain that if he (the speaker) had been able to give satisfaction, their present W.M. would be able to do so far more abundantly. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in responding, remarked that after what had been said by their Immediate Past Master, he could but thank Bro. Casperd for the extremely kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren generally for the cordiality with which they had received it. If he had wanted any omen for the future, that certainly had been given him in the way in which they had drunk to his health. He asked them to accept his hearty and sincere thanks. He now filled a position which, when he joined the Lodge, he could scarcely have dreamed of occupying for many years to come; but circumstances seemed to have been ordered otherwise. He sincerely hoped the time had not come before he was prepared to accept the responsibilities of office, and he assured them he should do his very utmost to deserve the goodwill and respect which they had shown him in the Lodge that evening. He trusted that with the assistance of the Officers and brethren, they might be enabled, at the expiration of his term of office, to feel satisfied with the choice they had made in placing him in the chair. He would not detain them any longer, as they had a programme before them of a much more interesting character than

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any speech he could place before them. He then proposed the health of the Visitors, in doing which he said he would distinguish that toast from that of our Sister Lodges, which were represented that evening. He was delighted to see the Worshipful Masters and other members of the sister Lodges present, and if they would permit him, he would afterwards propose their toast specially. He asked them to drink to the Visitors in right royal manner. For a Lodge to be without Visitors would be to have no new blood amongst them, nothing to waken them from their lethargy by the excellent speeches they invariably heard from strangers coming from other Lodges. They wanted to know what was going on in other Lodges, in order to try and emulate them, and to improve their own working. He hoped some day to hear a remark from a W.M. of a sister Lodge, "Ah, I wish you had been doing your work as the Samson Lodge have been doing theirs." With the assistance of such Officers as he had now around him, he hoped the day was not far distant when some such expression would be heard. Let them teach the Visitors a lesson, that in their Lodge there was a welcome which they could not find surpassed in any other. He was particularly delighted to see so many Visitors present, three of the Worshipful Masters being personal friends of his, and he was pleased to make the acquaintance of the other. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. Crawford and H. H. Myers. The toast was received with a "good fire," and Bro. Crawford replied in a brief but humorous speech, thanking the brethren of the Lodge for the generous manner in which the Visitors had been received, and complimenting the Lodge upon the excellence of its working. Brother Myers said this was the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting the Samson Lodge, and it was extremely gratifying to him that through the courtesy and kindness of one of its members he had an opportunity of meeting them on this occasion. He congratulated the Lodge upon having a W.M. who knew certainly how to conduct its affairs, and the I.P.M. upon the excellent way in which he had performed the installation ceremony. His clear enunciation and good delivery, particularly in the charges, produced a great effect upon him and all the rest of the brethren; as long as they had such Masters the Lodge would bear a name in the first rank of Freemasonry. The W.M. said he had now a very important duty to discharge, and that was to propose a toast that was not down upon the programme, the reigning Masters of the three sister Lodges, who had honoured them with their presence out of the five Lodges who termed themselves Jewish. It had been customary with them that the four other reigning Masters should take part in their installation ceremonies. He was delighted to see three of the W.M.'s present; the fourth had unfortunately been compelled to send a telegram to say the state of his health prevented his attendance. He very much regretted that Bro. Henochsberg, W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, was not with them, but they wished him a speedy recovery to health. He associated with the toast the names of Bro. Bayley W.M. 185, Bro. Dewsnap W.M. 188, and Bro. Davis W.M. 1017. Bro. Bayley said it was with unfeigned pleasure that he attended on this occasion. He was reminded that the Samson was the youngest of the sister Lodges, and it seemed to be a wise dispensation that they were termed "sister Lodges," for he believed amongst the five Lodges which had been named, perfect friendship had been kept up year after year by the interchange of visits on the part of Masters and members. That had been productive of the greatest Masonic good, for it had taught them much of the inner working, and it enabled them to imitate that which they found to be good, and to point out what was defective in others. Every one must be pleased to see the vigour which this Lodge had displayed within the comparatively short time since its establishment. The sister Lodges wished it the utmost success, and congratulated them upon the excellence of its workmanship. The installation ceremony was a source of very great pleasure, showing the true spirit of Masonry and emulation. By the Worshipful Master's conduct this evening he had proved himself a worthy successor to the chair, and an ornament to the Craft. He was sure that at the end of the year the members would be proud of him, and very gratified with his working. On behalf of the sister Lodges he offered them his sincere thanks, and trusted the Samson Lodge would well sustain the prestige and prosperity it had attained. Brother Dewsnap, on behalf of the Joppa Lodge, also tendered his sincere thanks for the reception accorded to the toast. It was a source of great pleasure to him to attend a meeting of the Samson Lodge for the first time. He had the pleasure of knowing their I.P.M., whom he esteemed very highly, and doubly so after having seen him work the installation ceremony. It was his good fortune to visit many Lodges, but he never received a more kindly greeting than he did amongst the Jewish brethren. It was rather strange that of the five so-called Jewish Lodges three had Christian Masters. He must say that going amongst Jewish brethren he met with a better reception than in any other Lodge. Amongst Hebrew brethren they met with working equal to any in London, and whenever he had been present with a Jewish Master and Officers the ceremonies had been superbly carried out. Bro. Davis, in the course of his reply, gave it as an illustration of the universality of Freemasonry that Jews were enabled to meet Christians, and Christians Jews in a Lodge with perfect amity and accord. They had no issues in the Lodge, provided they were Masons, and they were all able to meet on the one common happy ground of Masonry. That was one of the beauties of the Order. He spoke at some length of the working of the day, which he said was worthy of all praise, and was a good augury of what they might expect during the year. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Installing Master and I.P.M., said it was a pleasant duty to render to Bro. Casperd hearty thanks for the excellent manner in which he had performed his duty during his term of office. He (the speaker) only hoped he might be able to acquit himself to some extent as Bro. Casperd had done. He was only a young Mason, but he thought he was correct in saying that no Master of the Lodge had had the privilege of initiating so many members into it as had their I.P.M., he had added ten initiates and one joining member during his year He hoped it might be his happy lot to have even one-half as much success. He was only too charmed that their I.P.M. had felt himself capable of performing the duties of installation, as he was the individual whom he had to thank for having joined the Craft. He was delighted to follow Bro. Casperd in the chair, for he was a Master to whom he could look up for any assistance or counsel he might need. He would be his main support in the Lodge, and a true friend on whom he could safely rely. He had now the pleasurable duty of asking Bro. Casperd to accept from the brethren of the Lodge a beautiful jewel which had been voted to him from the friends of the Lodge. They would all agree with him that in placing that jewel upon his breast it had been well earned. He was charmed to be able to pin to Bro. Casperd's breast a jewel equal in value to any that had been presented to his predecessors in office. It was the wish of every brother of the Lodge that Bro. Casperd might live long to wear it, and to enjoy the credit which it would reflect upon him in any Lodge which he might visit. The brethren had done him the high honour of asking him to request Bro. Casperd to accept that jewel as a token of their esteem and of thanks for the able way in which he had performed his duties in the past year. Brother Casperd Immediate Past Master, who was heartily received, said he rose with a great deal of satisfaction, in the first place to offer his sincere thanks to the W.M. of the Lodge for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and for the courteous manner in which he had pinned that beautiful jewel to his breast. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for having so cordially supported him during his year of office. He had tried to the utmost of his ability to do his duty as a Mason and Master of their Lodge, and it was a consolation to him to know he had given them a certain amount of satisfaction. At this time last year he thought it was a very proud moment in his life to find himself in the chair, but it was even a prouder moment now that he was in the position of I.P.M., and to think he had been enabled in some way to give them satisfaction in the performance of the duties which had devolved upon him. There was only one point on which he was inclined to rule the W.M. out of order, and that was (he said it without fear of contradiction) he never in his life invited a man to become a Mason. When a person had asked him, "What is Freemasonry?" his answer invariably was that he had never regretted joining it, and that his interrogator must follow in the same course—that if a man wanted to become a Mason he must do so from what he felt, and his conviction that it would advance him as a man and brother. That was what the W.M. meant. If in this immediate circle of Masonic organisation he had been enabled to fulfil the duty to their satisfaction he was more than rewarded. He had done his best to win their approbation, and was gratified that they had acknowledged that his efforts had come up to their expectations. He also thanked them for the handsome jewel which the W.M. had placed on his breast that evening, and he could assure them that as I.P.M. he should consider it his duty and privilege to assist the W.M. in every possible way, though, from what they had seen that day, he very much doubted whether any such assistance would be needed. He had known their W.W. since they were boys together, and now hoped he might have a very successful year of office, with a goodly number of initiates and joining members. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, gave the health of the Past Masters, the toast being acknowledged in suitable manner by Bro. H. Aarons; and the remaining toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given by a glee party, consisting of Mr. Hugh Davies (alto), Mr. H. Price (first tenor), Mr. Selwyn Davies (2nd tenor), Mr. E. A. Baker (bass), Mr. E. Bateman, Mr. W. Peering, and Mr. James Hallé (pianoforte), the brilliant performances of the last-named artiste being a noticeable feature of the interesting proceedings.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693. — On Monday, the 17th instant, the Fifteen Sections were worked in the presence of forty brethren by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., Powell S.W., Galer J.W., Kirk S.D., Cross J.D., Barnett I.G., Western Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, when the following brethren took their respective Sections:—First Lecture—Bros. Barnett, Lone, Turner, Jenkins, Kirk, Beatten, Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. Hancock, Dixie, Giddings, Kirk, and Dixie. Third Lecture—Bros. Williams, Weeden, and Cross. After some new members had been elected, the brethren who had worked the Sections were thanked for attendance, and honorary membership was conferred on Bro. I. P. Cohen. Bro. Kirk will be W.M. on Monday next.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012. — A meeting was held on Saturday, 15th instant, at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. W. W. Williams W.M., Charles Dopson Senior Warden, George Gardner (Treasurer) J.W., Wm. Johnson Secretary, J. H. Woods S.D., H. F. Williams J.D., Arthur Williams I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Purdue, Sims, Ayling Preceptor; also Bros. Davies, Furse, Brown, Wing, Cragge, Tipper. After preliminaries, the second ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. P.M. Ayling was unanimously re-elected Preceptor for the ensuing year, Bro. Gardner Treasurer, and Bro. Johnson Secretary. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Preceptor, Treasurer and Secretary for their services during the past year. A similar compliment was paid to the Auditors. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked on Monday, 7th June, at 7 p.m. sharp. Brethren are cordially invited to be present.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 21st May 1886,
Bro. HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire,
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 54 Candidates, and 11 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 71 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Moody, Charles	1925	*Walker, John	1362
Lintott, James	1400	*Smith, Thomas	1344
Goltschalk, Charles Alfred	1773	*Senior, James	1306
Waterman, George	1725	*Exley, William Hill	1294
Ives, John	1691	*Arensburg, Julius	1294
Wright, John	1558	*Blackburn, Benjamin ...	1290
Cross, Robert	1475	*Barlow, William	1290
Bowron, Joseph	1465	*Taylor, William Slocombe ...	1247
Robinson, John	1456	*Perring, Henry	1216
Mickleburgh, John	1125	†Truelove, James	1200
Woolley, William	1405	†Willson, George	1065
Chevallier, Adolphus ...	1397	†Walter, Andrew	1046

WIDOWS.

	Votes		Votes
Whiteley, Mary	2745	*Shaves, Helen	2463
Barnett, Elizabeth	2711	*Coulton, Elizabeth	2392
Tunstall, Ann	2593	†Rumsey, Phœbe Ann ...	2307
Babbage, Mary Anne C. ...	2556	†Death, Matilda Eleanor ...	2266
Pelton, Mary	2532	†Hill, Elizabeth	2264
Owen, Cordelia	2501		

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respective Lists, will receive sums of money, the two highest in each case from the Committee of the John Hervey Fund, and the third from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement:—

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Monday, William	1096	Shurry, Maria	2211
Harper, Francis	943	Cook, Elizabeth Ann ...	2117
Smith, John	943	Leaver, Jane	2091

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the proxies were issued.

The three lowest in the List of Successful Candidates (Male and Female) marked †, will be placed on the respective Funds of the Institution as vacancies occur.

By order,
JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Saturday, 5th June, at the Town Hall, Twickenham, at 3 p.m. precisely. There will be a short service at the Parish Church, at 4.30 p.m.

Banquet at the Town Hall, at 5·30 p.m., fee 7s if ticket be taken on or before Tuesday, 1st June; after that date 10s (both exclusive of wine). Application for tickets to be made, with a remittance, to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

By command of the Prov. G. Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD P.M. P.Z.,
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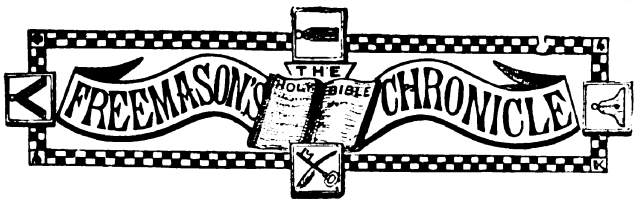

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Warminster, on Friday, the 7th instant, being received by the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, the chair was filled by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., supported by Colonel Randle Ford P.P.G.J.W. as P.G.S.W., the Rev. T. J. Heard as P.G.C., F. H. Goldney P.G. Treasurer, H. Merrick P.G. Registrar, H. Bevir P.G. Secretary, J. T. Calkin P.G. Superintendent of Works, G. Pike P.G.A.D.C., W. H. Burt P.G.S.B., T. Turner Steward, H. C. Tombs P.G.D. England P.P.G.S.W., W. Nott P.P.G.J.W. Charity Secretary, J. C. Maclean P.P.G.S.D., T. S. Futcher P.P.G.J.D., W. J. Mann Past P.G. Superintendent of Works, C. Gauntlett P.P.G.A.D.C., W. H. Brinkworth P.P.G.O., E. S. Mackrell P.P.G.O., Edwin Eyres P.P.G.P., A. J. Beaven P.P.G.B., F. S. Hancock W.M. 663, F. Barton W.M. 1271, E. Jones W.M. 1295, W. Pullen W.M. 1478, &c., &c. The roll of the various Lodges was called, and the call with one exception was duly responded to. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Harry Bevir, then read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Salisbury, which minutes were duly confirmed. This was followed by the reading of the minutes of the Charity Committee meeting, which had been held the same morning, from which it appeared that Bro. J. C. Maclean had, at the request of the Committee, consented to act as Steward from the Province for the forthcoming Festivals of both Girls' and Boys' Schools, and that to his list for the former the Committee recommended a vote of £10 10s, and for the Boys' School the sum of £21. These recommendations were adopted. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. Goldney, read an abstract of his accounts, which had been duly audited. These accounts showed that, in addition to the cash balances in his hands on the general account, the Charity account and the Provincial Benevolent Fund account, there were investments in the funds amounting on the whole to something like £500. Bro. Goldney intimated that they would probably have to bear a new expense for the future, inasmuch as the Somerset House authorities had made a claim for income tax on the various contributions to the Prov. Grand Lodge funds. The principle on which this claim was made had been under the consideration of the authorities of Grand Lodge, who, he was afraid, would feel themselves obliged to admit it. The reports and accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were approved and adopted. The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. H. Merrick, presented his report, which stated that the Province appeared to be in a generally satisfactory and progressive condition, that there was an increase in the numbers of the brethren as compared with the numbers given in the last report, bringing the total nominal strength of the ten Lodges up to 451, and that there had been a decided improvement in the effective working conduct of various Lodges. The Registrar's report went on to say that it might be broadly assumed that the total income of the ten Lodges amounted to about £750, and the ordinary expenditure to about £600 per annum, but directed the attention of Lodges to the large and increasing amount of outstanding unpaid subscriptions. The adoption of this report was carried by acclamation. Brother William Nott, Provincial Charity Secretary, presented the report of the Benevolent fund and Charity Organization Committee as follows:—

Benevolent Fund.—The whole of the income to the end of the year 1881 has been invested in Consols, and the income for the past year will also be available for further investment, no claim having been made upon it. The fund is now assuming a most satisfactory position, and in a few years will—should no large claim occur—have reached an amount, the income from which, with the annual subscriptions from the Lodges, will allow of a substantial assistance being given when occasion may arise for it.

Charity Organization.—At the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge it was reported that the Committee had adopted the widow of the late Bro. Charles Feavour, of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 335, Corsham, as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This case being taken up by the Associated Provinces at the election in May last, Mrs. Feavour was elected on that, the first attempt, she being eighteenth on the list of twenty-three successful candidates.

Your Charity Secretary as Secretary of the Association of Provinces, of which Wiltshire is one, has attended the meetings of their representatives, which take place in London at the elections. The representatives of the other Provinces are Bros. Captain S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire (Chairman of the Association), R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somersetshire, M. Tennant D.P.G.M. E.D. of South Wales, R. V. Vassar-Smith, Gloucestershire, W. Parnell, Bristol, M. J. Walker, Leicester and Rutland, and J. Wilson, Worcestershire; and to all of whom the thanks of this Province are due for their hearty co-operation, which has resulted in the Association attaining a commanding position at the elections for the great Masonic Charities.

The Wiltshire recipients of these Masonic Charities are now as follows:—From the Benevolent Institution four widows are (as three of them have been doing for the past nine, seven, and three years respectively) receiving annuities of £32 each; whilst in the Girls' School, five, and in the Boys' School, two children are being maintained and educated. Wiltshire thus derives from these Charities a large benefit, the money value of which may be reckoned at nearly, if not quite, £500 a year.

The contributions of Wiltshire to public Masonic Charities during the past year have been made through the medium of Bro. John Chandler, as Steward from the Province, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with a list of £188 17s; and Bro. William Nott, as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, from the Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge, at Devizes, with a list of £17 15s; to these must be added a donation of £10 10s from Lodge 335 to the Boys' School; thus giving a total of £217 2s.

It may be added that the votes sent in to the Provincial Charity Organization Committee during the past three years have been as follows —

	1883	1884	1885
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	498	509	513
" " Girls	370	417	384
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons	242	233	244
" " for Widows	171	338	279
	1281	1497	1420

Nearly all the votes in the Province (both Lodge and Private) are now placed at the disposal of the Committee, and on this being done depends the success of the organization.

WILLIAM NOTT, Prov. Charity Sec.

Devizes, 31st December 1885.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed that this report be adopted, and that the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge be given to Brother Nott for his great and successful exertions on behalf of the objects of the Committee. This was carried by acclamation. Sir Gabriel Goldney, addressing the brethren, said he would then proceed to the most interesting part of the day's proceedings, which was to present to Bro. Henry C. Tombs, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, the piece of plate which had been purchased pursuant to the vote of Provincial Grand Lodge at its last meeting. Brother Tombs in the seventeen years during which he filled the office of Secretary for this Province had in that capacity secured the goodwill of every Wiltshire Mason. His work had been arduous, and he performed it in such a way as to be of the greatest assistance and benefit to Masonry, and doubtless it was to his untiring efforts to a great extent that the number of brethren in the Province had increased from about 200 when he took office to nearly 450 when he resigned. He asked Brother Tombs to accept this little gift, not for its intrinsic worth, but to remind him and his family of the appreciation and goodwill of the brethren. The piece of plate, which consisted of a silver salver weigh-

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ing 133 ounces, dating from the reign of George I., and which bore the following inscription, was then presented to Bro. Tombs :—

"Presented to W. Bro. Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W. and Prov. Grand Secretary Wilts, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, 5th November 1884."

Brother Tombs warmly expressed his acknowledgment of the kindness of the brethren, a kindness, he said, which he should ever remember. Masonry had ever, from the time of his initiation, possessed for him a great charm; he looked upon it as a bulwark against the infidelity and discontent which were now more than ever showing themselves in various quarters, and he assured those present that, so far as lay in his power, his best efforts would always be available to further the interests of the Craft. He asked the brethren to accept and believe in his warmest gratitude, though he could not find words to express how fully he appreciated their kindness. He could not refrain, before sitting down, from expressing his high opinion of the exquisite taste which had been shown by the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the other members of the Committe appointed for the purpose in their selection of the beautiful work of art now before them. The acting P.G.M., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, then addressed the meeting, expressing his regret at the unavoidable absence of Lord Methuen. He referred to the postponement of Provincial Grand Lodge from its usual time of meeting in the autumn—a postponement rendered necessary by the elections and other matters then occurring, which prevented the meeting being then held—and to the difficulty which had since occurred in finding a suitable day; whilst, at the same time, he felt gratified at seeing so large a gathering of the brethren after all this delay. He briefly referred to the satisfactory character of the reports which had been read. Bro. F. H. Goldney, in the Provincial Grand Treasurer's report, showed that Masonry in Wiltshire was in a flourishing state as regards its finances, whilst that of Bro. H. Merrick, the Registrar, was equally satisfactory as regards numbers and position of the brethren and Lodges in the Province. Bro. Nott was also to be congratulated on the report which, as Charity Secretary, he was enabled to lay before the meeting. He (the acting P.G.M.)—and he was sure all the brethren agreed with him—felt that the warmest thanks of the Province were due to Bro. Nott for the manner in which he had carried out the details of the Charity Organisation work, both in Wiltshire and in connection with the other Provinces with which Wiltshire was associated. The acting P.G.M. also congratulated Bro. Bevir on the manner in which, in relation to this the first Provincial Grand Lodge since his appointment, everything had been carried out. To the members of the receiving Lodge he expressed the pleasure it gave him to come amongst them again, though, at the same time, he could not avoid expressing his regret that at the last moment he had received a letter from Lord H. F. Thynne, the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, saying that it was utterly impossible for him to be present that day. Brother Tombs called attention to the list of candidates for the Masonic Charities, which he was afraid showed that some of the brethren, or whose friends, who were now on those lists were hardly of the class who ought to receive the benefits of the great Masonic Charities. Bro. H. F. Goldney, P.G. Treasurer, also referred to the subject, quoting Lord Lathom's remarks at the recent Annual Festival, when he impressed upon the Craft the necessity of carefully considering the character and position in life of every applicant for admission to our Order. The acting P.G.M. then declared all offices vacant, and Brother F. H. Goldney was, on the motion of Sir Gabriel Goldney, seconded by Bro. Tombs, re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer; Bro. John Savory was re-elected Tyler, and the following investments of Provincial Grand Officers for the year were then made—

Bro. W. Nott 663	Grand Senior Warden
George Lopes 626	Grand Junior Warden
Rev. T. J. Heard 1478	Grand Chaplain
F. H. Goldney 628 (re-elected)	Grand Treasurer
H. Merrick 1271 (re-appointed)	Grand Registrar
H. Bevir 355 (re-appointed)	Grand Secretary
A. J. Beaven 1271	Grand Senior Deacon
T Reeves 1478	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Dean 1295	Grand Supt. of Works.
J. Chandler 855 P.P.G.S.W. (re-appointed)	Grand Dir. of Cers.
H. L. Ward 603	Grand Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. Green 355	Grand Sword Bearer.
H. Millington 632	Grand Organist
F. J. Hannan 586	Grand Pursuivant
W. Pullin 1478	Grand Assist. Pursuivant
T. S. Hill 632	Grand Standard Bearer
G. North 1295, H. Howse 663	Grand Stewards
J. Savory 355 (re-elected)	Grand Tyler

This ended the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and after it was closed the brethren adjourned to another room in the Town Hall, where the annual banquet took place.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at York. The Chapter was opened at six o'clock, and minutes confirmed, after which the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. T. B. Whytehead, opened a Board of Installed Principals, and proceeded to instal Comps. M. Rooke Z., J. Sykes Rymer H., and G. Kirby J., Comp. J. Todd P.Z. acting as Chaplain, and there being also present Comps. Rev. W. Valentine P.Z., A. Buckle P.Z., and G. Simpson Z. 1611. The Companions were then admitted, and the Officers were invested as follows :—Comps. George Garbutt S.E., S. Border S.N., J. Fairburn P.S., H. Foster D.C, T. J. Hodgson Org., J. Clark 1st A.S., G. J. Robinson 2nd A.S., Crummack and Watkins Stewards, and Calvert Janitor. Bro. H. V. Milbank Lennox 123, having been ballotted for, was exalted by the M.E.Z. At the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening.

ESSEX CHAPTER, No. 276,

THE anniversary convocation was held on the 10th inst., when the Principals were installed by Ex. Comp. Vero W. Taylor P.Z. P.G.H., as follows :—Ex. Comps. A. C. Veley M.E.Z, J. P. Lewin P.P.G.S.W. H., A. Mead P.G. 1st A.S. J. The other Officers were invested as follows :—Comps. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd S.E., E. Shedd I.P.Z. S.N., J. J. Cavill P.S., R. G. Kellett 1st A.S., F. P. Sutthery 2nd A.S., Sarel Janitor. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Vero Taylor for his kindness and ability in performing the installation ceremony. The Companions afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel. Among those present, in addition to the Officers above mentioned, were—Ex. Comps. Thomas J. Ralling P.Z. and S.E. 51 P.G.S.E., Frank Whitmore P.Z. 276 P.G.P.S., A. Goodchild P.Z. 276 P.P.G.P.S., F. Meggy, A. C. Durrant, G. Copus, G. Bannister, T. Winmatt Smith, R. D. Poppleton, F. Bird, and E. Gowers.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—Those who attended the meeting of this Chapter on the 11th inst. must have felt highly gratified at the increasing interest this beautiful degree is obtaining, thus amply evinced by the large number of Past and Present Principals (twenty-five in number) who assembled to take part in the rehearsal of the installation of the three Principals. Comp. Brown, the Preceptor, has for the past year or two thrown open these chairs on two occasions during the session, so that opportunity is afforded to six Companions each session to exercise themselves. On this evening the duties were undertaken by Comps. S. Brooks P.Z. 975 Z., F. Brown P.Z. 538 H., R. H. Crowden P.Z. 1297 J., and it is needless to say that with such efficient workers the ceremonies were most carefully rendered. This part of the business of the evening being finished, the Companions were admitted, when the various offices were filled as follows—Comps. Charles Z., J. L. Payne H., B. Haynes J., C. H. Webb S.N., M. H. Levey P.S. The exaltation ceremony was most ably rehearsed, Comp. C. Daniel being the candidate. Comp. E. Collard (Chapter 19) was unanimously elected a member. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Comp. Charles for the very impressive manner in which he had performed his duties for the first time. Comp. Charles will be installed into the first chair of the Mount Sinai Chapter on Tuesday, and we congratulate the Chapter on having so accomplished a worker to preside over it. Votes of thanks were tendered to the three Installing Officers; then the Chapter was closed, and the convocation adjourned until Tuesday, the 18th inst. The session will end on the last Tuesday of this month. We noticed amongst the Principals present S. Brooks, H. Furss, C. Powell, H. W. Ruff, W. S. Lee, Thomas Perrin, C. S. Fraser, C. P. Gillard, E. Child, R. H. Crowden, M. L. Levey, J. Brittain, T. Charles, T. L. Payne, R. P. Tebb, B. Haynes, H. C. Tepp*, C. H. Webb, C. Daniel, &c.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As spring approaches a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters forbid 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, fulness after eating, lassitude, gout and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.

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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, 22nd MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
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

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 24th MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
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.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1885—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1908—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1624—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1909—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1901—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham

TUESDAY, 25th 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—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
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. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
269—Faudation, Full Hotel, Dartford
316—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Stanestone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Hatley, 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
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 26th 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 4 (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
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
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, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1284—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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

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. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 911—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1302—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, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 324—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 357—Apollo Universary, Apollo Universary Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 27th 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
114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
185—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)
719—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.
811—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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1309—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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1671—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington

R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 857—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. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1601—Ravens'ourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
M.M. 13—Huram, Greyhound, Richmond

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich

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904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 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. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M.32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 28th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—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
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)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instructional)
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clinton, 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, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 182—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 29th MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

THE MEAT SUPPLY FROM NEW ZEALAND.

SHAKESPEARE has told us that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but practical experience often leads us to question the correctness of his dictum. Englishmen of the present day are very apt to allow themselves to be led away by name rather than by quality, and in no instance perhaps is this more noticeable than in the question of food. We have been taught to regard English mutton, for instance, as unequalled by that grown in any other part of the world, and so prejudiced are a large section of the English nation that they will not even taste any that has not been raised on the downs of the South Coast—that is, if they know it! but unfortunately recent action in our House of Commons has demonstrated that all "South-down" mutton is not fairly entitled to be so described; indeed that no small quantity of it reaches the butcher from abroad, who prefers to retain the name, lest by any other it should not "smell so sweet." The mere mention of frozen mutton from Australia or New Zealand is enough to frighten a large section of the community, who will not even give it a trial. How we pity these misguided individuals, for much as we relish the prime joints of Old England, we venture to think there are as good grown outside its borders, even at the other side of the world. We never had any prejudice against frozen meat, and have often enjoyed a prime joint brought to us in that condition,—well knowing it to have been killed at the Antipodes—as much, or more, than less liberal minded individuals who have eaten of it under the supposition that it was native meat. Prejudice, however, is gradually wearing away, and foreign meat is becoming more and more a recognised necessity for this country. If legislation is brought to bear upon the subject we may expect even greater strides towards its popularity, and in such a case increased demand must be the result. The present is, therefore, an exceptionally good time in which to arrange to keep pace with the growing demand. Among ventures having this object in view we may mention the Merrywala Estate and Stock Company Limited, full particulars of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. This company proposes to purchase an estate of about 41 square miles, with homestead, stock, implements, &c., in the Province of Otago, New Zealand, there to carry on the business of sheep-farming with a view to the export of wool and frozen mutton. The Estate has many attractions—the greatest, perhaps, the reported presence of gold, but even if the precious metal is not found in payable quantities it is anticipated that the receipts from timber, stone, wool, sheep for local consumption, and frozen mutton for London, will be sufficient to realise handsome dividends. The capital of the company is £150,000, divided into £5 shares, 26,000 of which, together with 2,000 debentures of £50 each, are now offered for public subscription. Forms of application for shares and other particulars may be had of the Secretary, at the offices of the company, 17 Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some time ago a good deal of correspondence on the subject of "Technical Education" appeared in your columns, which, after the letter signed "Instructor," suddenly ceased. As this subject appears to be attracting considerable attention throughout the country, I should be glad to know whether any steps have yet been taken towards the formation of such classes in the Boys' School at Wood Green.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

A W.M.

ROYAL ASYLUM OF ST. ANNE'S.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A child of the late Bro. W. F. Lane, who was collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, is an applicant at the ensuing election, *for the fourth time*, for the benefits of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's.

Doubtless, if made acquainted with the circumstances, many members of the Craft would gladly assist with votes, which the widow finds so hard to obtain, more especially as the case is ineligible, under the rules, for the Masonic Institution for Boys, one of the family being already there.

Will you, therefore, kindly allow me to call attention to the case, and to say that proxies sent to me "will be thankfully received and faithfully applied."

Yours fraternally,

N. B. HEADON, P.M. and Treasurer,

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The Quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge, and monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, the three principal Officers of the Board being in their respective chairs. The agenda for the June communication of Grand Lodge having been submitted, the grants made at the last meeting of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed, after which the new cases—40 in number—were considered. Six of these were deferred, one was dismissed, and the others were relieved with a total of £875, made up of one grant of £5, seven of £10, two of £15, eight of £20, eight of £30, three of £40, three of £50, and one of £100.

The twenty-second annual edition of the "Export Merchant Shippers' Directory," with Itinerary for London (price 15s), will be issued by the end of this month by Messrs. Dean & Son, 160A Fleet Street, E.C.

Alhambra.—The directors of the Alhambra announce the production, on Monday next, 24th May, of an entirely new grand ballet divertissement, entitled "Cupid," in which the celebrated Signorina Besesne, prima ballerina assoluta of La Scala, will create the title rôle; and Miss Lillie Lee, assisted by Mdlles. Marie and Vivian, will also appear. This ballet is invented and will be produced by Mon. J. Hansen, and a very important musical score has been specially composed for it by Mons. Jacobi. The scenery is by T. E. Ryan, while the costumes, by Mrs. and Miss Alias (from the designs of L. Besche), are novel and artistic. A grand procession, diversified by characteristic dances, will form one of the attractions in this gorgeous ballet; and charming variety will be obtained by the introduction of types of the people of the four quarters of the globe, including representatives of New Zealand and the Indians of North America. The sections representing India and our Colonies will be interesting items in the performance, and be illustrative of some features of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

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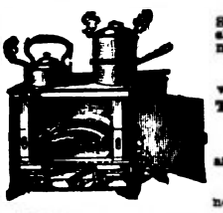

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THIS Company has been formed to purchase the MERRYVALE ESTATE and SOUTHLAND, in the province of OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND, containing 26,390 acres of freehold land and 454 acres leasehold, or about 41 square miles, with the homestead, stock, and implements, &c., thereon, the property of James Ashbury, Esq., of Merryvale and Brighton, and principally to carry on the business of sheep-farming, with a special view to the export of wool and frozen mutton.

The Estate is about 7 miles from the railway-station at Otautau, which is 31 miles from the town of Invercargill, and 48 from the shipping port (the Bluff), where steamers from 3000 to 4000 tons can go alongside the wharf. The railway also connects with the towns of Dunedin, Lyttleton, and Christchurch, and the entire railway system in the South Island.

The situation of the Estate is exceptionally good, being surrounded by timbered ranges of hills, and bounded or traversed by the Rivers Waiau, Orawia, Merry, Fenham Creek, and various tributaries.

The surface is undulatory, and affords excellent shelter. Water is abundant at all seasons of the year, consequently there are no droughts, such as have proved so disastrous to stock in Australia and the River Plate.

The drop of lambs last year was 84 per cent., but it is expected that by improved management the per centage may reach 100 per cent., or one lamb per ewe. Owing to the natural shelter on the Estate, the loss of lambs is very small.

The public County main road runs about 15½ miles through the Estate; and the post and wire boundary and paddock fences measure about 60 miles.

In November 1885, about 12,260 acres were in English grasses or under cultivation for turnips or oats; 5413 acres were Bush (forest); and 9171 tussock (native grass) and fern.

The Vendor estimates that with an average annual expenditure of about £5,500 the area in English grasses or under cultivation for turnips or oats will be increased by the 31st March 1891 to 16,743 acres, and the number of sheep on the Estate to about 41,000.

LIVE STOCK, TIMBER, AND MINERALS.

The Estate and stock, together with crops, implements, &c., were purchased by Mr. Ashbury in March 1885. The live stock, after delivery was taken, consisted of 17,245 sheep and lambs, 392 head of cattle, 493 hogs, and 21 horses, &c., as shown by valuation and return accounts. Considerable additions of stock have since been made.

Most excellent and valuable forest timber, such as Totara and Black Pine, is found on the Estate. A tramway is intended to be made to connect the Estate with the Railway system, by which the timber will be available for sale.

The Commission on the Colonial Industries of New Zealand reported to Parliament in 1880 as follows:—

"The demand for foreign products is constant and unlimited."—"The wealth to be derived from an economical disposal of the forests is literally incalculable."

There is a valuable stone quarry on the Estate, with regard to which a leading architect of Invercargill reported, in July 1882, as follows, viz.:—"I have examined the building stone sent down from your property at Merryvale, and consider it an excellent building material. The great drawback to its coming into general use appears to me to be the heavy expense of carriage." When the proposed tramway is completed, the difficulties of conveyance would be removed.

Coal has also been reported as discovered on both sides of the Estate.

Since the purchase important discoveries of Gold have been made on and near the Estate.

Gold was first discovered in Otago in 1861; since then, the Otago gold district, up to 31st March 1884, produced 4,319,544 ounces of gold, valued at £17,026,320. From the formation of the New Zealand Colony to the 31st March 1884, the total value of gold exported was £40,707,074. In or about October 1885 alluvial gold was found in the Merryvale Bush and the adjoining Long-Wood range, belonging to the Crown, and active explorations were at once set on foot.

On the 11th March 1886 the Vendor's Agent wrote from Merryvale, as follows:—

"Gold Field.

"Yesterday I saw some quartz that had been brought down from the bush, richly studded with gold. It is reported that it comes from a reef two feet wide. As soon as I ascertain whether this is the truth I shall telegraph you. The quartz reefs that have been found all run north and south—that is to say, run on to Merryvale. Probably they will be deep down, but such reefs are generally richer than those near the surface."

On the 20th March 1886 the Agent sent the Vendor a code cablegram, expressing that a gold reef had been struck outside the Estate, and dipping towards it, but that no Assay had been made. The place of discovery is understood to be only a short distance beyond the boundary. The above telegram has since been confirmed by another to the effect that practical miners are now tunnelling to the lower part of the reef at their own cost; and also by letters. If the Assay should prove to be within the average of paying Quartz Gold, the advantage to the Company in the way of royalties or on sale might be many times the value of the Estate.

CLIMATE OF NEW ZEALAND, INCREASE IN VALUE OF LAND, &c.

The Company will not be invested with gold mining powers; but, in conjunction with the Vendor (who reserves a moiety of the Gold rights), will be able to dispose, by way of sale or lease, of any gold which may be found on the property; and, by assisting in the formation of other companies for mining purposes, will also be able to ensure to the shareholders of the Merryvale Company who desire it a participation in gold mining enterprise.

The climate of New Zealand is the most healthy of all the seven Australasian Colonies; its average Spring temperature being 55 degrees, Summer 63, Autumn 57, and Winter 48.

Judge Bathgate, of Dunedin, in his recent work, "New Zealand: its Resources and Prospects," says:—

"As society progresses in population and wealth, and as new branches of industry develop and prosper, so will the value of land steadily increase."—"There is every reason to expect that land in New Zealand will touch a far higher price than has yet been dreamed of."—"No part of New Zealand is above 100 miles from the seaboard, in the South Island 75; and when the Crown shall have parted with the last acre of its waste lands, then the value of free-

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hold throughout the Colony will rise with a bound to an amount to which it is difficult to assign a limit."

The Hon. Robert Stout, one of the Commissioners of the Land Board of Otago, late Attorney-General of New Zealand, and now Premier, reported on the 24th May 1884 as follows, on the Southland portion of Otago:—

"Southland will, I believe, one day be the finest district of the Colony for mixed farming."

The average product of cereals per acre in Otago and Southland is greater even than in the famous Canterbury district of New Zealand. An idea of the value of good land in the latter district may be formed from recent valuations received through one of the leading New Zealand banks, which were as follows:—£6 to £35 per acre; and for potato land £50 per acre (letting from £3 to £4 per acre); and in the Ashburton district £5 10s to £13 per acre.

The Otago and Southland Investment Company, Limited, (registered in England) has paid dividends averaging 12½ per cent. during the last four years. The Reserve Fund is over £78,000, and the shares stand at 87½ per cent. premium.

WHEAT AND OTHER CROPS.

A Report on which the Vendor purchased the Estate states, in describing the land, "The soil is a good depth, and very rich, and is capable of producing heavy crops of both grass, grain, and root crops." If the price of wheat rises to any great extent it might be advisable to grow crops on some part of the Estate; in which case the Vendor believes that the results, with average good harvests, would soon repay the purchase-money of such portion. The average yield per acre of corn in Southland and Otago exceeds that of any other district in New Zealand, or any other country in the world.

The average yield per acre, taken from statistics, is as follows:—For years 1873-1883, Otago and Southland 31·2 bushels per acre; New Zealand generally, 26·3. In Manitoba and the North-West Territories of Canada 27 for 1877-1880. In the United Kingdom it was 26·5 for 18 years ending 1883; Australasia (excepting New Zealand) 12·86 for 1873-1883. In the United States of America it was 12·15 for 1882-83, and in Russia 5·5 for 1872-73. As compared with the other Australasian Colonies, New Zealand stands for Potatoes in the proportion of 5·12 to 3·03 tons per acre.

BRITISH CONSUMPTION OF IMPORTED MUTTON.

On the question of population and meat supply, Mr. M. G. Mulhall, F.S.S. (author of "Balance-sheet of the World"), in his "England's New Sheep Farm," after tabulating the numbers of inhabitants and cattle in the United Kingdom in 1882, writes:—"Hence we may expect in 1896 to have a population of 42 or 43 millions, and to produce only as much meat as will feed our inhabitants for five months in the year. Our importation will then exceed a million tons yearly, the bulk of which must necessarily come from the Australian Colonies."

In an article on *the British Beef* question the *St. James's Gazette* of 1st March 1886, after remarking that it has been estimated that the British consumption of mutton averages ¼ lb. per head per week, and on that basis the annual consumption would be rather more than 400,000 tons of mutton, concludes as follows:—

"*American and Canadian Cattle rule Glasgow, as the frozen mutton of New Zealand is beginning to rule Smithfield.*"

The total importations from New Zealand in the 4 years 1882-85 amounted to 994,754 carcases as against 336,109 from Australia in the 6 years 1880-85. The demand for New Zealand mutton has increased so considerably that it will probably outstrip the supply. New Zealand mutton commands in London a much higher price than Australian or River Plate mutton. Salesmen of the London Central and Leadenhall Meat Markets are now erecting extensive Refrigerators to avoid forced sales. Some are already constructed and in use.

There are works for freezing on the wharf at the shipping port, the Bluff; besides which Messrs. Shaw, Savill and Co. Limited, have many sailing vessels for the London trade specially fitted with refrigerating apparatus to freeze carcases on board.

For the purposes of estimating profits as below mentioned, an average wholesale price has been assumed of 5d per lb. for mutton, as against 6½d per lb., the average price for the last three years in the Metropolitan Meat Market. Lamb has been taken at an estimated price of 9d per lb.

The following opinion from Messrs. Brooke and Co., Commission Salesmen, of Leadenhall Market, confirms this estimate of future prices:—

"Having regard to the increasing favour with which New Zealand mutton is received in England, we think that 3s 4d or 3s 6d per stone (of 8 lbs), that is 5d or 5½d per lb. for mutton, and 6s or 6s 4d per stone, that is 9d or 9½d per lb. for lamb, will be fair average prices for estimating purposes over the next few years, especially in view of the annually increasing consumption.

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WOOL.

The price of Merryvale wool from 1877 to 1885 averaged about 10½d per pound; in estimating the profits it is taken at 8d, for year 1886-87, and afterwards at 9d.

Cross-bred wools have recently proved steadier than Merinos, and not liable to so much fluctuation, as partly shown by Messrs Jacomb, Sons & Co.'s Wool report of 31st December 1885, which stated that the average values of Merino Wools then stood at from 20 to 25 per cent. below the currency at the corresponding time of 1884, and that the coarser Cross-breds had only suffered 5 to 7 per cent. Merryvale sheep are cross-breds, except a proportion of Merinos for crossing the breed.

A leading article in the Standard of 10th March 1886, on the condition of Trade, says:—

"Cotton is tending upwards, and wool can hardly help doing so, after the fearful havoc wrought among Australian sheep by the prolonged scarcity of rain."

TERMS OF PURCHASE AND TRANSFER OF ESTATE.

The Vendor purchased this Estate on the strong recommendation of his Agent, Mr. G. J. A. Richardson, of Burnham, Essex, an experienced agriculturist, who was engaged for several months in 1884, on his behalf, in prospecting and reporting to him on various properties in New Zealand. His subsequent detailed Report of 30th January 1885, was fully confirmed by an experienced Colonial valuer. These Reports and the Vendor's own opinion, after personal inspection, all warranted the conclusion that the Estate was "the pick of Southland," and the terms of purchase extremely favourable.

Mr. Ashbury's intention in purchasing the Estate was occasionally to reside there; but partly in consequence of the large addition of capital required to develop the Estate, and the Timber, Stone, and other industries, and to construct a short railway or tramway, he has decided to transfer it to a Joint Stock Company, retaining a large interest in shares.

Towards the construction of the proposed railway or tramway, the Government and adjoining landowners may be expected to contribute largely. A letter recently received from the Vendor's Agent at Merryvale says:—

"A railway can be made through the property, for which the Government has offered valuable concessions."

The price at which the Vendor purchased the Estate in March 1885 was £120,000, and the stock, &c., at £17,175 13s 1d. Portions of the purchase money remained on Mortgage.

The Company is to purchase the Estate (except a moiety of the gold rights) at the above-mentioned price of £120,000; the stock, at their cost price per head, and to take over the mortgages, the particulars of which are stated in the Agreement.

Permanent additions and improvements since 23rd March 1885, to be paid for at cost price.

Outgoings and incomings before 31st March 1886 to belong to and be paid by the Vendor; afterwards to and by the Company.

Lambs and other produce of the Estate during the past year to be taken over at current wholesale price.

The amount of cash paid in respect of purchase money by the Vendor, and capital expended by him as above, to be paid to him in fully paid ordinary shares, plus £5,000 in cash, out of which he will pay all expenses and commissions relating to the establishment of the Company and the purchase.

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DEBENTURES.

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Application for shares or debentures to be made to the Bankers, on the form supplied, and all further information may be obtained from Messrs. Chadwicks, Boardman and Co., 36 Coleman Street, E.C., and 64 Cross Street, Manchester, and at the Offices of the Company.

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JOHN DELILLE,
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THE PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

AS we said last week, in speaking of the recent Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Province of Surrey took the premier place among the counties of England so far as amount of contributions was concerned. It was represented by twenty-two stewards, who were headed by the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master, Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., who was also the Chairman of the Festival; while among the Stewards was the premier representative of a private Lodge, Bro. Joseph D. Langton, of the George Price, No. 2096, with a total of £407 18s 6d. Gen. Brownrigg's list was a splendid one, £193 10s, and although a part of this amount may justly belong to the Friendship Lodge, No. 6, of which the Chairman is a member, Surrey is fairly entitled on this occasion to all the credit of its Provincial Grand Master's total. Then we have Bro. J. Hooke, as representative of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, who was also fortunate enough to secure a three-figure total, his list being returned as £105; while a welcome addition of £10 10s has since been made. Bro. Charles Belton, of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, is next in order of merit, with a total of £89 15s 6d, and then comes Bro. W. A. Laker, of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362, who has helped to swell the total with a list of £63. Bro. John G. Horsey, a good all-round man on any occasion, did not confine his attention to a particular quarter, but he brings up a total of £53 11s, collected probably from among his personal friends, or from those Lodges where he has tried to persuade a brother to act as Steward, but where the contributions have hardly been sufficient to justify separate representation. Bro. H. C. Leigh-Bennett, of the St. George's Lodge, No. 370, makes a very useful contribution to the funds of the Charity, his list of £47 4s being the next in order; and then comes the total of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Charles Greenwood, who figures for £43 10s 6d. Our readers will remember the heavy loss which Bro. Greenwood sustained in the death of his wife, during the heat of his self-imposed campaign, and the ill-health which still further impeded his efforts; but the amount of his personal list is no criterion of what he did on behalf of this year's Festival for "Our Girls;" indeed, we may say that the more he worked the less did his list become; for, whenever he had the promise of help to swell his total, he turned round and induced the donor to act as an independent Steward. By this means he prevailed on several to undertake Stewardships, and we must therefore look to the general total rather than to his personal list for the result of his efforts. Bro. Thomas Long, of No. 889, took up £42, while the lists of the other Surrey Stewards were all under that amount. In the aggregate the twenty-two Stewards of the county brought up £1,334 4s 6d.

Northumberland is second on the list of counties, with a total of £905 2s, collected by Bro. B. J. Thomson, a member of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, who acted as Provincial representative. This brother's list was the largest of all the Stewards at the Festival, and when its total was announced, it was greeted with well merited applause. It is a grand amount, and does credit not only to the Brother who collected it, but also to the district from which it was subscribed.

Kent had eight Stewards, and sent up a total of £546 0s 6d. Its chief representative was Bro. Henry Mason, of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, who collected £210, while he was followed by Bro. F. H. Hallett (£73 10s), Charles Holcroft (£64 11s 6d), G. W. Mitchell (£63), &c.

West Yorkshire secured the next place. Twenty-nine brethren from the district acted as Stewards, headed by Bro. T. W. Tew, the Provincial Grand Master. The total amount sent up by these brethren was £500, a total which is most satisfactory, especially in view of the munificent contributions of West Yorkshire in past years.

West Lancashire sent up twelve Stewards, and a total of £352 16s. Bro. R. Goodacre represented "The Province," and secured a list of £147. Bro. S. G. Sinclair, one of the Stewards of St. George's Lodge, No. 32, was next highest, with £63.

Cambridgeshire appears to be trying to make up for past shortcomings. Its total at this Festival was one of which any Province—even either of the large ones—would have reason to be proud, being no less than £273, sent up at the hands of Bro. C. A. Vinter, who is accredited to "The Province," and right ably did he represent it.

Essex is another district to which especial praise is due. On this occasion six of its brethren acted as Stewards, and the total they secured was £245 14s; Bro. G. F. Jones, of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, took the lead, with £66 3s; and was followed by Bro. F. A. White, of No. 1437, with £57 15s.

Berks and Bucks, with three Stewards, sent up £227 15s; more than half of the amount coming from Bro. Henry Warden, the representative of the Ellington Lodge, No. 1566; who collected £115. The other Stewards were Bros. John Greenfield, No. 795, £57 15s; and Samuel Dyer, No. 1887, £55.

Gloucestershire was ninth in order, even though one of its Stewards had made no return. Altogether there were five representatives from this county, and the total secured by four of them was £222 12s. Bro. Samuel Bland, of No. 493, secured £78 15s of this; and Bro. Henry Tovey, of No. 592, £68 5s.

Staffordshire, with two Stewards, working on behalf of their respective Lodges, and jointly on account of the Province, contributed £204 15s; no inconsiderable sum, especially if the brethren of the district are reserving their strength until their Provincial Grand Master undertakes the presidency of one of the Festivals; as we hope he will do ere long.

Wiltshire was well represented by one Steward, Bro. J. C. Maclean, a member of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, who secured £200 11s from his Lodge and the Province.

Monmouthshire, was close on the preceding total, £199 10s having been contributed from this district. Bro. S. Davies was a Steward on behalf of the Province; and brought up £162 15s; while he was ably supported by the now familiar Master Willie Watkins, who on this occasion collected £36 15s.

Middlesex, with six Stewards, took the next place, the total from the Province being £173 7s 6d; £56 14s of which sum was collected by Bro. Dr. H. W. Roberts, of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293. Bro. Alfred W. Gower, of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, also did well, his total being £49 7s.

East Lancashire had five Stewards and between them,

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with sundry odd amounts, a sum of £170 5s was added to the total for the year. The "sundries" formed the largest total, the figures being £68 5s, and then, in order, came Bro. W. Hardcastle, of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, with an even £60. The other four Stewards from this district contributed totals of ten guineas each.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight had four brethren working in its midst on behalf of the Festival, and among them they secured £164 2s 6d. Bro. John W. Gieve, of the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, had the largest total, his list being £71 4s 3d. Bro. W. T. Way-Buckell, of No. 151, brought up £48 16s 3d, and Bro. R. White, of No. 1331, £33 12s.

Each of the remaining Provinces had totals of less than £150. We here give the respective totals, and in addition the number of brethren of each district who acted as Steward :—

Province.	Stewards.	Total. £ s d
Bristol	1	145 19 0
Dorsetshire	2	142 16 0
S. Wales (East Division)	1	140 0 0
Devonshire	1	136 19 0
Bedfordshire	3	134 13 0
Somersetshire	1	133 7 0
Suffolk	2	126 10 6
Hertfordshire	2	125 16 0
Oxfordshire	4	105 19 6
Warwickshire	3	102 18 0
North Wales	2	97 2 6
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	2	82 0 0
Cheshire	5	78 15 0
Herefordshire	1	74 11 0
Durham	2	68 5 0
Norfolk	2	67 4 0
Channel Islands	1	63 0 0
Derbyshire	2	37 10 6
Worcestershire	3	36 15 0
Cornwall	1	31 10 0
Leicestershire	1	10 10 0
Punjaub	1	No return.

The above figures, and the splendid sum to which they total, are sufficient evidence of the desire of Freemasons throughout the country to do their best on behalf of those whose station in life is such as to call for outside aid. If such disinterested charity as is here evidenced can only be maintained, Freemasonry will never lack a strong advocate in support of its principles of Brotherly Love and Relief. We hope that not only may similar success attend all Festivals of the future, but as year by year the blessings of Freemasonry become more extended, that additional support may be forthcoming and that the contributions may some day be sufficient to meet all the calls made upon them. In conclusion, we again heartily congratulate all who had a hand in the Girls' School Festival of 1886, and the Institution itself on being able to secure so large a list of supporters, which will enable it to continue its good work amongst the orphan daughters of Freemasonry.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY FREEMASONRY.

An Oration delivered by Dr. Branch, W.M. Mount Olive Lodge, St. Kitts, W.I., at the unveiling of the memorial to Dr. Dinzey P.M., on 13th March 1886, at the Springfield Cemetery, St. Kitts.

IT is, alas, only too true that the roses of friendship, as a poet has said, fall only on the turf that covers the dead. The grave has no ear for the sweet words of love, no eye for the proofs of esteem and the tribute of affection.

Yet the ceremonial of to-day is not an unmeaning and useless pageant. It has given us an opportunity of expressing, to the relief of our own hearts, our grief for the loss that we have sustained, and has caused us to meditate on excellencies of character which we would fain emulate.

To us, my Brethren in Freemasonry, the labours of the day are fraught with special significance. Once again has the great lesson been taught us that virtue triumphs even over death. Once again have we raised our eyes to the Star of Hope whose rays penetrate even beyond the dark veil that shrouds the unknown land.

But what more profitable subject of meditation is there to any one than the finished story of a good man's life? It matters nothing to a philosophical mind that the drama was enacted on a small and lowly stage. External circumstances cannot add to nor diminish the intrinsic grandeur of the theme. The perfect circle is as beautiful and as full of meaning when traced with contracted as with wide-spread compass-points.

None of you will be likely to construe these remarks as an undervaluing of the career of our deceased friend and brother. Second to no other in usefulness and nobility is the work of the practical physician, whether his lot be cast among the rich and powerful or the poorest and meanest of his fellow-men, in an obscure islet or some mighty centre of civilisation. The talents and energies which are faithfully expended in applying the resources of Science to the necessities of suffering Humanity may not gain fame or rank or wealth, but can scarcely fail to be held in high estimation and to win a rich guerdon of love.

Such were the labours and such the reward of John Keightley Dinzey. The elegant and appropriate memorial before us is the gift chiefly of those who benefited by his services. I take this opportunity of remarking, *en passant*, that the credit of originating the idea of its erection is due to Solomon Shelford, Esquire. It, this Lodge of Sorrow, and the immense concourse here assembled to do honour to the memory of our departed brother are tokens of the exalted opinion of his merits entertained by this community and of the large place which he filled in our hearts.

Ay, and ever will fill. Surely the poor of Cayon and Nichola Town Parishes will long miss the generous hand and sympathetic heart buried here. Can the patients whose lives he has redeemed from death forget the self sacrificing devotion which assuaged their sufferings? Often will the colleagues by whose side he has loyally stood in many a hard fight yearn for his helpful presence. Can the memory of the genial companion, the disinterested adviser, the faithful friend ever fade?

Many of us have reached or overstepped the prime of life. Time will not give back

> "The golden days and fairy flowers
> To these wearied hearts of ours."

We cannot hope to replace the broken link of an early friendship by any newly-made companionship. One by one the friends of a lifetime glide from the clasp of our loving arms into the grave's cold embrace, carrying with them our own hopes and joys, ambitions and energies, the bloom of our youth and the vigour of our manhood.

> "Ah me! What hidden occult science
> Can from the ashes in our hearts once more
> The Rose of Youth restore?
> What craft of Alchemy can bid defiance
> To Time and Change, and for a single hour
> Renew the phantom flower?"

But, my Masonic Brothren, have we no hope of a reunion with the companions of our former toils? Yes, for not in vain have we passed, guided by the beacons of Conscience and Reason, through the dark and rough road of Life and the pathway of Science to the sombre portals of Death. Even thus and there have we seen the dawn of an eternal morn silvering, though but with faint and flickering beam, the sable cloud that rests on the prospect of Futurity. Our noble and ancient mysteries have nerved our hearts to face with calm courage the King of Terrors and to tread with firm step around the good man's grave. Even he, who though a Master in our Israel, has not advanced beyond the ritualistic lessons of the Order, knows the sublime truths that Nature herself has instilled into our inmost souls a reasonable hope of a hereafter and an instinctive belief, founded on that hope, that heroic devotion to duty even at the cost of life is infinitely preferable to life itself purchased with the loss of honour.

But the humble and ardent students of esoteric Masonry find in it more authoritative and direct teaching on this all-important subject. By esoteric Masonry I do not mean the alleged possession of occult science by the so-called theosophists and such-like mystics. Still less do I allude to the tenets of certain philologists who claim to have found the genesis of the Masonic as well as of all other theological or ethico-religious systems in a "Solar Myth" or a "Naturalistic Theory." It would be idle to deny, in the presence of those who have advanced to the East in due form, that Astronomy has in all ages constituted an important part of Masonic Science. It would be equally absurd to tell you, who understand the use of the square, the level, and the plumb, that Masonry was not an ethical system. Our ancient Brethren who watched the skies from the lofty temples of Belus, or those who from the banks of the rising Nile saw in the Southern sky the calls to labour and refreshment in the ascending Sirius

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and Canopus, may have come at length to believe that there was nothing in the mysteries that they practised and transmitted but a symbolism of the real nature of the celestial scenery. But such was not the lesson that had been taught them by the Patriarchal Master who left for their observation the sublime parable of Ophinchus, radiant with the hope of the race. Nor by the illustrious Grand Master, second Father of the Adamites, who bequeathed to them the meaning of the threefold splendour on the black emblem of death and destruction.

In spite of the wonderfully unalterable nature of Freemasonry, the rituals of different ages and races will become more or less fashioned in accordance with prevalent notions as to the chief meaning of the institution. Thus it may appear to many in our day a mere system of morality, just as it probably seemed to some of our ancient brethren only the temple in which recondite scientific truth was safely enshrined.

It is of course impossible to enter into any real and clear explanation of esoteric Masonry in an untyled assembly. Suffice it to say, as bearing on the present subject, that it contains the essential truths of religion known to the primeval Adamites, however its formulæ may have been modified in ancient or modern times by dominant scientific or religious systems: and that to the esoteric Mason, many a word, or even accent, of the Universal Language plainly and confidently declares that death, certain as it is, is not a reality. Beneath its hideous panoply is hidden the angel-form of immortal youth, "the bright face of a blooming boy fresh as a flower new-born."

But, brethren and friends, we are assembled here to-day, not only beneath the shade of the acacia, but at the foot of the Cross. All of us here present, whether Masons or not, are Christians; and he whose body sleeps beneath this Cross leaned his dying head on the bosom of the Crucified Son of Mary.

The hope of a reunion in a happy eternity with our departed friends is so clearly the chief solace for the loss of their companionship in our lives, that one naturally finds himself, on an occasion like this, discussing the subject of man's immortality. Speaking as the present occupant of the Oriental Chair of the Mount Olive, I have been privileged to direct attention, so far as it could be done outside the door of a Lodge, to the consolations which Masonry offers in the presence of death. I have simply stated the teachings of our Order on the topic of a future existence ex cathedra, for there is no necessity to vex the holy calm of God's Acre by adducing arguments to a Christian assemblage in justification of the hope that is in us.

As Christians we live in the shadowless light of a noontide Sun, the Sun of Righteousness. The darkness of death and the gloom of the grave have disappeared from among the mysteries of our common humanity, for this is "the Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, and the Light is the Life of men."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting took place on Friday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when there was an exceptionally large attendance. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting having been printed and circulated, were adopted, as also was the report of the Audit Committee. The following is the report of the Committee of Management:—

REPORT.

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 24th of February last. The Most Honourable the Marquis of Hertford, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, occupied the chair, and was supported by a Board of 279 Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists of subscriptions and donations amounted to £15,000 11s 6d. A result so satisfactory, under a concurrence of most depressing circumstances, cannot it is hoped be otherwise than eminently gratifying to the Craft in general, but more especially to those who had a hand in bringing it about. It is true the total was in round figures £2,770 less than was subscribed at the Festival held in February 1885, under the auspices of Sir M. R. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, but it must not be forgotten that on the occasion referred to an exceptional amount of enthusiasm was created by the paucity of vacancies, and the overwhelming number of applicants for admission on the Widows' Fund; that the Board of Stewards was also stronger by 76 brethren than it was this year; and last, but not least, that the Chairman had the aid of a Province which both for its own credit's sake, as well as from the sense of respect and loyalty it entertained for its chief, gave him an active and generous support. Lord Hertford, the Chairman for this year's Festival, was not so fortunately placed. He had a less numerous Board of Stewards, and he had no Province—at least in the sense in which Gloucestershire helped Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach. Yet, notwithstanding these drawbacks, the total realised was in excess of any previous year,—1885 excepted. With these facts before it, the Committee is most anxious to place on record its deep gratitude to their noble Chairman, and the brethren who so successfully co-operated with him in obtaining this brilliant result.

At the election in May 1885, there were upon the Funds of the Institution 375 annuitants, that is to say, 173 men and 202 widows, while to-day there are 129 candidates, namely 58 men and 71 widows, all of whose respective claims to receive the benefits of the Institution have been most fully investigated and approved. The vacancies to be balloted for consist of 15 on the Male Fund, and 9 on the Widows' Fund, so that excluding the 3 deferred annuitants in each case, there are 12 on the former and 6 on the latter. Since, however, these figures were declared at the meeting of the Committee in February there have died 9 men and 2 widows, so that the numbers to be elected to-day will be 24 men and 11 widows. The Committee very seriously regrets the marked disproportion there is between the numbers of vacancies and candidates in respect of each Fund, especially that of the Widows, but having regard to the large increase which was sanctioned—not only in the last, but in previous years—by the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, it does not consider it would be justified in recommending the creation of any fresh annuities. The sum annually required towards providing for the present needs of the Institution in this respect is £13,416, to which must be added the further sum of £340, divisible under Law 9 (Male Fund) among the widows, 17 in number, of recently deceased male annuitants. This gives a total annual expenditure on account of annuities amounting to £13,756, and the Committee, in the exercise of what it trusts will be considered a wise direction, does not consider it would be warranted in recommending that any further liability in this direction should be incurred.

The Committee avails itself of this opportunity of expressing its thanks to United Grand Lodge for its renewed vote of £70 towards providing the residents at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

It is also most anxious to convey its very cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their invaluable services and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants, both resident and non-resident, who have been under the necessity of seeking medical advice and assistance.

It is likewise a source of satisfaction to be able to report that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, and only needs that care and supervision to which all buildings of this character must from time to time be subjected.

The audited Statement of Account for the year ended 31st March 1886 is appended, and, while inviting the most rigid examination of its details, the Committee is confident it will be found that the utmost economy has been observed in administering the funds of the Institution. Hence, in appealing both to the Craft at large as well as to the general body of the Governors and Subscribers for a continuance of that support which alone has enabled it to fulfil its arduous duties with, it trusts, so much satisfaction and success, it is fully persuaded that such appeal will not be made in vain.

It only remains for the Committee to express the earnest hope that the urgent appeals it is compelled to address annually to the brethren for the means which are indispensable in order to maintain the Institution at its present strength will be as generously responded to in the future as in the past. Moreover, it must be obvious that if the funds of the Charity were increased, there would be a proportionate diminution in the number of unsuccessful candidates, and as a consequence an alleviation to a still greater extent than is now possible of that great amount of distress which it is the desire of every one to cope with successfully. May the support which is needed so imperatively, and to an annually-increasing extent, be forthcoming always in equal, if not in an ever-increasing abundance.

On motion duly proposed and seconded, the Report was adopted.

As there were 20 candidates who sought election as Members of the Committee, a Poll was demanded, and Scrutineers were appointed to examine the papers. The result was in favour of the following:—Frederick Adlard P.M. 7, John Bulmer P.M. 174, C. H. Driver P.M. 905, A. Forsyth, M.D., P.M. 140, Thomas Griffiths P.M. 907, Wm. Hilton P.M. 1351, C. E. Soppet P.M. 60, Louis Stean P.M. 212, Raynham W. Stewart P.M. 12, Stephen Barton Wilson P.M. 59.

A motion which stood in the name of Bro. Birch, to alter the day for holding the Annual Meeting of the Institution was withdrawn; but an alteration was made in the law respecting the election of Treasurer. The result of the election for this office was in favour of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Past G. Standard Bearer, but the change did not give satisfaction to all who were present, and some discussion afterwards ensued as to the legality of altering the law. Bro. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes was elected Trustee of the Sustentation Fund; and Bros. John Newton, J. J. Berry, and Tattershall, Auditors. The Election of Annuitants on the respective Funds, Male and Female, was then proceeded with. We gave the List of those successful in our issue of last week. The proceedings concluded with the routine votes of thanks to Chairman and Scrutineers.

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TOTTENHAM AND ENFIELD MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

THE inauguration of a Fourth Association, the object of which is to obtain for each of its members a life governorship in one of the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions, took place on Friday evening last, under the most interesting auspices, between fifty and sixty gentlemen dining together at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page-green, Tottenham. The assemblage was not purely Masonic, the peculiar constitution of these associations, which have been productive of so much practical good, being to extend their advantage to others, outside the pale of the Craft. According to the rules we find that by a subscription of one shilling per week, payable monthly, as soon as the Treasurer is in possession of ten guineas, members are entitled to draw for a life-governorship in one of the Charities, the successful member having the choice as to which Institution shall receive the amount. Membership of the Association is not confined to the Craft only, but any lady or gentleman may be proposed as a member, though, of course, they are not entitled to any voice in its management. Thus it will be seen that the single aim and object of the society is to enlist sympathy and help to our excellent Charities; and the substantial help rendered by the three Associations which have run their successful course at Tottenham should be an incentive to many other Lodges to emulate an example so eminently practical and beneficial. Bro. Oddy provided a capital dinner, which had the advantage of being well served, and the company sat down under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 1237 (President), who was supported by Bros. H. V. Clements P.M. 754, P.P.A.G.S. Middlesex, and J. Garrod P.M. 754 (in the vice-chairs); Bros. A. G. Fidler W.M. 754, P.M. 1237 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex (Treasurer), W. Binnie W.M. 1237 P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks (Secretary), A. Bryant P.M. 1237 P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, E. J. Everdell P.M. 1579; J. D. Birkin J.W., L. E. Wilson, J. Oddy, Voller and Mills, representing Lodge 754; Bros. H. Woodley 1237, T. Sawyer, G. Richards 1237, C. J. Knightley 1744 and 1237, J. Howlett 1327, Sharp, M. Hart, Wheelhouse 1237, Moseley 228, J. Pinder 1707, Mr. F. Fidler, Mr. J. Thompson jun., Mr. A. Marsh, Mr. A. Binnie, Mr. E. Rudston, Mr. R. Hart, Mr. A. Clark, Mr. J. Webb, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Glover, and other gentlemen. After discussing the good things provided, the loyal toasts were given from the chair, and received with musical honours.

Bro. Garrod, in proposing "Prosperity to the Fourth Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association," said no one wished prosperity to this movement more earnestly than he did himself. They had met this evening for the dual purpose of doing honour to their Bro. Fidler, the energetic and indefatigable Secretary of the Third Association, and also to inaugurate a new Association, which was now in its infancy. In making the announcement that this was the fourth of a series of societies which had been called into existence for Masonic charity, it would show to those gentlemen who were unacquainted with the subject that for a considerable number of years they had been practically carrying out the great object of Freemasonry, which was Charity. He was not going to disclose any of the secrets of the Fraternity; but he might safely say that one of the chief watchwords of Freemasonry was "Charity." They were about to inaugurate the Fourth Association under the presidency of their esteemed Bro. Thompson, with Bro. G. Tegg W.M. 1879 (whose absence they much regretted) as Vice-President, and Bro. A. G. Fidler (the guest of the evening) as Treasurer; and last, though by no means least, Bro. W. Binnie, as Secretary. He had said that this Association was as yet in its infancy, but as they went on they would find it develop into robust youth and honourable age. The object of the movement was to accumulate their loose cash into large sums for the benefit of their indigent brethren, who, as in all other institutions, might happen to have been reduced to unfortunate circumstances in life. They need hardly be reminded that in Freemasonry there were three great Charitable Institutions for the Boys and Girls of Masons, for Aged and Decayed Masons or their Widows, and this Association was for the purpose of collecting money for their benefit. They had one of those Charities—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—in their immediate locality, of which they had reason to be justly proud. He trusted this Association would go on as successfully as its predecessors had done; and he was sure that, under the presidency of the names he had just mentioned, it could not be otherwise. In fact, he could not see how it could fail to become the greatest of the four. He concluded by again wishing all prosperity to their new venture, and he associated with the toast the name of its excellent Secretary, Bro. Binnie.

Bro. W. Binnie, who on rising to respond, was received with loud applause, remarked that this Association was scarcely three months old, yet it already numbered 84 members, and he hoped they would go on increasing until the time when, according to their rules, it would be closed, excepting to members to be elected by ballot. As they had got so near the century he should like the number to be made up to a hundred by gentlemen who were not already members; and he assured them they could not do better than to join the Association at once. Referring to the vast amount of good accomplished by the three grand Institutions of the Craft, let them look at the boys who walked round Tottenham and Edmonton, and they must admit the little fellows were a credit to the neighbourhood. Go to Battersea Rise, and see how the girls were cared for, educated, and looked after in every way. And what comfort and happiness was provided for the "old people" at their splendid Institution at Croydon. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, they must all admit that their money was not thrown away, but was expended in the most judicious manner. These Institutions were supported, year after year, not only by the most influential men in the country, but also by the middle and industrial classes; and every man who had once taken the Masonic obligation had impressed upon his memory that charity was the first thing that he should observe. He could only say once more that he thanked them very much for the cordial way in which they had received the toast, and if any gentleman present felt anxious to place their names upon the list of members he should be most happy to take them.

The President said the next toast might be designated the toast of the evening, and that was, "The Health of Bro. Fidler, Secretary of the last or Third Association." It had been his pleasure and privilege to have been associated with Bro. Fidler for some years, ever since he came into Freemasonry. During the whole of that time their esteemed brother had worked most harmoniously with himself and those associated with him in the cause of charity, and had left no stone unturned to further the interests and bring to a successful issue these Associations. They all knew the kindness of heart that always reigned in Freemasonry, and Bro. Fidler had proved himself ever ready and willing to further the interests not only of Freemasonry but of every good cause that had come under his notice. If he were to speak for a very long time he did not know that he could say too much in Bro. Fidler's favour. They were all delighted to be his friends and acquaintances, and to know him was to love him. A very pleasing and gratifying task now devolved upon him, as President of the Fourth Association, to present to Bro. Fidler a testimonial which had been subscribed for by the members and friends of the last Association. The first part of it was an illuminated address, the text of which was as follows:—

"This TESTIMONIAL, together with a liqueur stand, is presented to Brother A. G. Fidler W.M. 754, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, by the members of the Third Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association, and a few friends, as a mark of their esteem and in appreciation of his services as Secretary of the Association. (Signed) J. Maller P.M. 754 President, E. Poore P.M. 1237 Vice-President, J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 and 1707 Treasurer, James Garrod P.M. 754, M.E.Z. 1237.—May 21st 1886."

The address was accompanied by a liqueur stand, and in asking Bro. Fidler's acceptance of the gifts, he wished him, on behalf of all present, long life and happiness, and that he might be spared many years to use that stand with the best creatures which he could put into those bottles. He wished Bro. Fidler and his family health and happiness, and might he long continue to help them in the good work of charity in the future as he had done in the past. He trusted they might long have Bro. Fidler amongst them as a Mason and a friend. (The toast was received with enthusiastic cheering and musical honours).

The address was beautifully engrossed on vellum, illuminated, and embellished with Masonic emblems, by Bro. H. V. Clements, of 7 Mark-lane, and was enclosed in a handsome gilt frame and glazed. The electro silver liqueur-stand was very massive, and fitted with superb bottles of cut crystal glass, supplied by Bro. A. Money, of 49 King's-square, Goswell-road. On the stand was inscribed:—"Presented to Bro. A. G. Fidler W.M. 754, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex.—May 1886."

Bro. Fidler, who was heartily cheered on rising to acknowledge the compliment which had been paid to him, felt he could not adequately thank them for the cordial reception they had given to the toast of his health, for the very kind and eulogistic manner in which it had been proposed from the chair, and for the splendid gifts they had been good enough to present to him; but he begged them to accept his grateful thanks for these tangible proofs of their esteem, which he should highly prize and cherish as long as he lived. They were pleased to appoint him Secretary of the Third Association, an office he was proud to hold; and he should have been sadly wanting in regard had he not carried out the duties of that position in as satisfactory a manner as he possibly could. He had tried to do so, and he was glad his efforts had met with their approbation. He regretted the last Association was not able to show quite so good a balance-sheet as its predecessors, but he supposed that bad times and other circumstances militated against it. But sufficient was done to show that the spirit of charity beat warmly in the hearts of the brethren in this neighbourhood. That spirit had again blazed forth brightly, and what they were unable to accomplish in the Third he hoped would be more than achieved by the Fourth Association, which had been started under such favourable auspices. It would, he was sure, stimulate them in furthering the interests of the noble cause they had so much at heart, in assisting those who were placed in less fortunate circumstances than themselves, in rendering the declining years of the aged happy and comfortable, and educating and maintaining their children. As their worthy Secretary had told them, a very small sacrifice on their individual parts would achieve that object. He hoped they would all do that they could to render the new Association a success far exceeding those which had preceded it. He thanked them again for their kindness, and assured them that he highly esteemed and valued their good wishes.

Bro. H. V. Clements, in proposing the "health of the President," said Bro. Thompson had been associated intimately with these charitable Associations ever since they were started. He was the Secretary and pioneer of the First, and was one of the main causes of these movements being originated in Tottenham. He had gradually risen from the rank of Secretary to that of Treasurer of the Second and Third Associations, and was now President of what promised to become the largest of the four. That was something for him to be proud of. He (the speaker), together with some of the friends around him, had been associated with their esteemed President for a number of years, and they had had many happy meetings, whilst promoting the cause of charity. He hoped Bro. Thompson might be spared for many years to help them in the good work, and to see the younger ones rising up and following in his footsteps for the benefit of the Charities of the Craft.

A draw here took place for five life governorships, which the President pointed out, meant fifty guineas to the funds of the Masonic Charities. The gentlemen who drew the numbers were entitled to life-governorships in either of the Charities, and had two votes in the elections for boys or girls, and four votes for the old people. Ladies drawing successful numbers had double that number of votes. The draw resulted in favour of Master Knightley,

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Mr. E. Lovell, Mr. J. Rosenfeld, Mr. S. M. Southwell, and Mr. Milbourn.

The President, in responding to the toast of his health, said he could only echo the wish which had been expressed, that he might long be able to assist in the work of the Association. Bro. Clements had not taken to himself sufficient credit for what he had done for Freemasonry, for he had rendered great and valuable service, in more than one Lodge, on behalf of the Charities. He had often filled the office of Steward, and had always taken up a most creditable list. He was again Steward for the Boys' School at the coming Festival in June, and he would no doubt render a fair account for the Province of Middlesex, as representing the Enfield Lodge. He (the speaker) thanked the company for the kind way in which they had received the toast, and said a great honour had been conferred upon him by his having been elected President of this Association. As their Secretary had told them, this Association bade fair to outnumber and outdo its predecessors. The First Association, of which he had the honour of being Secretary, sent up £446 to the Charities. Twelve or fifteen years ago Freemasonry was in a very different position to what it now occupied. When the Prince of Wales came into Freemasonry it grew in a most wonderful manner, and under his Royal Highness's presidency as Grand Master it had continued to flourish. On looking over the list in Bro. Oddy's room this evening he saw that Brother served as a Steward in 1873, when the united efforts of the Stewards to the Benevolent Institution reached £6,300. He (the speaker) had the pleasure of representing the Enfield Lodge in 1885, when the united efforts of the Stewards reached £17,000. That showed what great strides the Order was making, and this progress was in a measure due to such Associations as their own. Few people felt disposed to put their hands in their pockets and to pay ten guineas all at once; but they did not miss the small contributions monthly, which, after a short time, attained the same results. He mentioned this in order that those who did not belong to the Association might form an idea of how these things were managed. It was on the same principle as a building society, and in four years produced the same result as if they had put their hands into their pockets and put down ten guineas. In the end he trusted this Association would reach the number suggested by Bro. Binnie, namely, a hundred, which would represent an addition to the funds of the Charities of one thousand guineas.

Several other toasts followed, including the Visitors; the Vice-Chairmen, responded to by Bro. Clements and Bro. Garrod; the Masonic Charities, for which Bro. Knightley replied; the Local Lodges, High Cross, Enfield, and St. James's, responded to by Bros. H. Stephens P.M., A. Bryant P.M., and J. Howlett; the Stewards, by Bros. Wilson and Birkin; and the Host, by Bro. J. Oddy. Before separating the health of Mr. J. H. Thompson jun. was most cordially drunk, and hearty thanks given to him for his great assistance as accompanyist to the songs. Mr. Thompson jun. suitably responded. The pleasures of a very enjoyable evening were materially enhanced by some excellent singing by the members and Visitors.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

A REGULAR meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when there was a numerous gathering of members and Visitors, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Chas. Weeden. He was supported by Bros. A. Perl S.W., F. Perl J.W., Rev. C. Stevens P.M. Chaplain, John Stilwell P.M. Treasurer, R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, J. E. Chubb S.D., E. Conrad D. of C., A. Kish Org., J. R. Cordell Steward, Alfred J. Potter I.P.M., P.M.'s L. C. Haslip, H. J. Gabb, and T. J. Cusworth; A. K. Turbefield Tyler. The Visitors included Bros. J. Osborn P.P.G. Sword Bearer Middlesex, T. Smyth W.M. 2069, E. F. H. Von Bribau 1069, W. Goad 1178, C. Jenkins 860, E. Lazarus 185, W. Hunter 205, E. Kirr 241 (New York), H. J. Amphlett, J. W. Bastone 1861; and others. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the third, when Bro. R. Gosheron was raised to the sublime degree. Resuming to the second, Bro. L. Wild, who had been initiated at the last meeting, answered the questions with remarkable accuracy, he being a German, and was entrusted, after which he was passed, this rite being also admirably performed. Subsequently Mr. Lewis Henry Brown, who had already been approved on the recommendation of his brother, who is a member of the Lodge, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. Some routine business having been transacted Lodge was closed. The brethren and visitors then partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in first-class style, under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. Marchant. The Loyal and Craft toasts having been given, the health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, met with a cordial greeting. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the W.M., said it needed no words of his to remind them of the excellent work performed by Bro. Weeden in the Lodge-room; those who had witnessed it had a sufficient guarantee that in their present Worshipful Master they had a good man and true. All who knew Bro. Weeden knew that he was a true brother in every sense of the word. He could say a great deal more, but as time was on the wing he would ask them to unite with him in heartily drinking to the toast. The Worshipful Master in responding assured the brethren that during his year of office he should do all he could to advance the prosperity of the Lodge. In proposing the toast of the initiates, Bro. Weeden expressed the belief that the two brethren who had just been admitted would prove an acquisition to the New Concord Lodge. Bro. L. Wild asked permission to thank the brethren for the welcome manner in which they had admitted him into their ranks; he should do his utmost to attain proficiency in the science. Bro. Lewis Brown also replied; he had long wished for the moment to arrive in which he should become a member of the Craft. He did not feel altogether a stranger amongst them, as he had a brother in the Lodge; he thanked them most heartily for the warm reception they had accorded him. In reply, Bro. T. Smyth deemed it a very great piece of good fortune to have been invited to visit the New Concord Lodge; he had been delighted with the work which he had seen performed. Bros. J. Osborn, C. Jenkins, and E. Von Bribau next responded, in suitable terms, and Bro. Goad remarked that he had visited many Lodges, both in London and the provinces, and he could confidently say that the New Concord working would compare favourably with any he had had the honour to visit. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters, the toast being heartily received. Bro. Potter I.P.M. thanked the brethren most heartily and sincerely for the cordial reception they had given to the toast. He should do in the future, as he had done in the past, all he could to promote the interests and to sustain the prestige of the New Concord Lodge. Bro. R. R. Harper, after returning thanks as a Past Master and Secretary of the Lodge, said he might as well save the proposal of another toast, and return thanks on behalf of their Treasurer. He hoped that when they met again in October next the same New Concord feeling would prevail as they enjoyed at the present moment. Bro. L. Haslip thanked the brethren very sincerely for the way in which the toast had been received. The Past Masters felt a deep interest in the cause they had at heart, and hoped they would always continue to do so, and to keep up the status of their Lodge. In proposing the Officers, the W.M. said he was pleased to have such a goodly array in the Lodge; all of them tried to do their duty conscientiously. The toast was duly acknowledged, and the proceedings were fittingly closed by the Tyler. During the evening some capital songs were sung. Bro. A. Kish presided at the pianoforte.

ENFIELD CHAPTER, No. 1237.

A CONVOCATION of the above Chapter was held at the Court House, Enfield, on Monday evening, 24th instant. Present—Comps. James Garrod M.E.Z., E. G. Lewis H., Jas. Linzell P.Z. acting J., J. R. Rignall Treasurer, H. J. Adams P.Z. S.E., F. Eastwood S.N., A. Bryant P.S., A. G. Fidler 1st A.S., H. V. Clements P.Z., J. D. Birkin, G. Messenger, J. Oddy, C. Handley, F. Skelton, J. Smith, T. Jones and others. The minutes of the last Convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Geo. James 749, who was duly exalted to this supreme degree by the M.E.Z. in a way that gave great satisfaction to all present. The next business was to elect the Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—Comps. E. G. Lewis M.E.Z., W. M. Tegg H., A. Bryant J., J. R. Rignall Treasurer, H. J. Adams S.E., A. G. Fidler S.N., J. D. Birkin P.S., and J. Very Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. J. Garrod, for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the Chapter during the past year. Several brethren were then proposed for exaltation, after which the Chapter was closed and the Companions adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by the host, Comp. Mathison. On the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening spent.

EWELL LODGE, No. 1851.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the "Sun" Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. There was a good attendance of members and Visitors; the W.M., Bro. Wm. Parker, being supported by, amongst others, Bro. G. W. Saul P.M. 1201 S.W., F. C. Rush J.W., E. A. Baber P.M. Treasurer, Arthur E. Taylor P.M. Secretary, H. Youens S.D., H. H. Room P.M. J.D., Dupree I.G., J. O'Connell D.C., C. Cooke and G. Hards Stewards; Past Masters Moss and Paddle, W. Walkley Tyler, Dr. Tomlin, Lemon, &c., &c. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720. 1216, 1426, W. H. Wingfield W.M. 1360, Richard Poore W.M. 1949, W. H. Hawkins 1201, J. Foxley Norris J.D. St. Augustine Lodge, New Zealand, J. G. Green 158, Kift I.G. 1791, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been approved, a ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel William Rowen, which proved clear, and that gentleman received the benefit of initiation at the hands of the W.M. Bro. Lemon was passed to the F.C. degree, and at the request of the W.M. of the Eclectic Lodge 1201, Bro. Lemon received similar advancement. The installation of Bros. G. W. Saul P.M. as W.M. of the Lodge, was undertaken by his predecessor, Bro. W. Parker, who performed the ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner. The newly installed Master appointed and invested his Officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. F. C. Rush S.W., Youens J.W., E. A. Baber P.M. Treasurer, A. E. Taylor P.M. Secretary, H. H. Room P.M. S.D., Dupree J.D., J. O'Connell I.G., C. Cooke D.C., G. Hards W.S., Dr. R. Tomlin A.W.S., and W. Walkley Tyler. The addresses, which completed the entire ceremony, were respectively and impressively delivered by Bros. W. Parker I.P.M., A. E. Taylor P.M., and James Stevens P.M. Subsequently a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented in open Lodge to Bro. Parker, in recognition of his services during the past year; the W.M., Bro. Saul (whose presence in the Lodge on recovery from his late very severe accident, and prolonged convalescence was warmly recognised by all present), bestowing high commendation on the manner in which the Lodge had been ruled by his predecessor in the chair of K.S. A well-served banquet awaited the brethren at the closing of Lodge work, and the several toasts having been disposed of with commendable brevity, both in regard to introduction and response, a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse. Without professional assistance, and consequently without encroachment on the Lodge funds, songs and recitations were numerous, and evidenced the musical and oratorical ability of a large

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proportion of the members of No. 1851, whose Secretary, himself a vocalist of no mean pretensions, led the way and excited emulation amongst his brethren. We cordially join in the hope, so earnestly expressed by members and Visitors alike, that health and strength may be given to our, at present, scarcely convalescent Brother Saul, that he may be enabled to still further increase the honour and reputation of the Ewell Lodge, by frequent opportunities during his Mastership of displaying that ability which has heretofore characterised his Masonic work, and secured for him well deserved respect.

HAMPSHIRE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge for installation of W.M. and appointment of Officers, took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport. This Lodge, which is composed exclusively of Past Masters in the Craft, has effected good service in the Province. Amongst members who have recently joined is Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Grand Deacon of England, and Deputy P.G.M. of the Province, and it is interesting to note that this distinguished Mason has expressed his approbation of the Lodge, by accepting the junior office. The ceremony of installation on Saturday was performed by Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier P.G.W. Greece and P.G.S. of Scotland, who gave an eloquent enunciation of the ritual, and was awarded a special vote of thanks. Bro. Asher Barfield P.P.G.D., who had been unanimously elected as W.M., was duly installed in the chair, and appointed his Officers as follows:—Bro. R. L. Loveland I.P.M., R. J. Rastrick S.W., F. Newman J.W., Rev. J. N. Palmer (Grand Chaplain of England) Chaplain, T. H. Williams Treasurer, John W. Gieve Secretary, T. Francis S.D., J. Brickwood J.D., James Gieve D.C., R. W. Beale I.G., G. Bond and J. E. Le Feuvre Stewards, W. Miles Organist, G. Carter Tyler. There were also present at the meeting:—Bro. E. S. Main, J. W. Willmott, E. Nayler, G. L. Stobbs, Edgar Goble P.G. Sec., R. Boughton Smith P.P.G.D. Leicestershire, A. J. Firth, Lewis Bryett P.P.G. Sup. Wks. Berks and Bucks, J. M. Foster, and W. D. Parkhouse. The brethren subsequently dined together, and a smoking concert followed.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., the day of meeting having been altered on this occasion by dispensation from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. There was a large attendance of brethren, presided over by Bro. Joseph D. Langton Worshipful Master, while the Lodge was specially honoured by the attendance of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., the Masonic ruler of the county. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates for joining. Bro. Frederick J. Blake P.M. 410, 885 P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, P.P.G.S.D. Gloucestershire, and Bro. Reginald William Wilson, M.R.C.S., 2054; the former of these brethren was proposed by the W.M. elect, and seconded by the W.M., while the latter had Bros. Matthey and Oates as his sponsors. Both of the candidates were elected, whereupon Mr. Ernest Christopher Leaver was introduced as a candidate for initiation. He was duly admitted to Masonic light, and the charge of the first degree was delivered to him by the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was then advanced, and on being resumed to the second degree the R.W. Prov. G.M. presented Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. Hobbs was regularly placed in the chair, and was subsequently saluted in the three degrees. He appointed the following as Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. T. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. Langton P.M. Treasurer, J. S. Fraser P.M. Secretary, M. L. Levèy S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Organist I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., S. Oxenham and J. C. Leaver Stewards, W. Lane Tyler. The remaining portions of the installation ceremony were then completed by Bro. Langton, and the ceremony of the day brought to a conclusion. During the meeting the Report of the Audit Committee was submitted, duly approved, and ordered to be recorded in the usual manner. Before the conclusion of the day's work, the Provincial Grand Master was obliged to leave, but before doing so he expressed his great gratification at the very handsome sum which the Lodge had sent up to the Festival at which he recently presided, and the further support he had received on that occasion from the Province generally—the whole sum contributed by the disttict being no less than £1,300. General Brownrigg then announced that he should hold Provincial Grand Lodge this year under the banner of the George Price, and as to the date of meeting, either the fourth or the last Wednesday in June would suit him equally well; he would leave it to the George Price Lodge to say which day they would prefer. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they dined together, in a style which did the utmost credit to Bro. T. H. Bentley, the manager of the hotel. On rising to propose the toasts, the W.M. reminded the brethren that during the present month Her Majesty had taken part in two public ceremonies; perhaps of greater importance than any that had taken place since the death of the Prince Consort. As Masons they could congratulate themselves upon the Queen coming among her people again as in former times. In speaking of the Grand Master, the W.M. said it must be of great advantage to Freemasonry that His Royal Highness took so great an interest in all its several degrees. The health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers came next; it was proof of the interest that Grand Officers took in the Craft that as many as five or six had that evening come to see the working in the George Price Lodge. In proposing the health of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Bro. Hobbs said Surrey Masons could but be proud that they had such a man to preside over them. It must increase the pride of those especially belonging to the Lodge that General Brownrigg had sanctioned the holding Provincial Grand Lodge under its banner, only one year after the consecration. Many of the members of the Lodge met a week ago, at the Festival of the Girls' School, on which occasion they had sent up a very handsome sum, and the amount of support given to the President by the Province of Surrey showed that their Provincial Grand Master was a very popular man. The success of the Festival was remarkable, and he thought it was marvellous that the amount—£13,000 and upwards—only fell short by £1,000 of the amount realised last year. The V.W. the D. Prov. G.M. Bro. C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, was the next toast given. There were plenty of brethren present who could respond for this toast. First they had Bros. George Price P.G. Treas., Horsey P.P.G.D.C., Ridge P.G.D.C., W. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W., and Woodward P.G.S. The toast would not need many words to recommend it. The name of George Price was one they all venerated. To show what they thought of him they had named their Lodge after him, and they thought it a high honour thus to hand down his name. Bro. Greenwood, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, unfortunately, was not present. They sympathised with him deeply in the bereavement he had recently sustained, and also in the illness from which he had lately suffered. Bro. Geo. Price regretted extremely that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was not with them to respond. Personally he had heard of the illness that Bro. Greenwood had been afflicted with with a great deal of grief, and the domestic bereavement which had befallen him in the loss of his wife demanded from him the greatest sympathy. They were very old friends, and had been associated as officers of the Province for the last thirty years. During that long period there had been nothing but love and harmony prevailing between them. Bro. Greenwood's exceptional abilities as a man of business, his even temper, and his genial manner had secured him troops of friends, who honoured and loved him. He was sure that he need not take up further time upon the matter of returning thanks for the Prov. Grand Officers; Bro. Greenwood was one of them. The Provincial Grand Officers were now a large body. Years ago, when he was a young man, they were a small number; he was quite sure from what he had seen of the Prov. Grand Officers that whenever the Grand Master required their services they would rally round him and give him assistance, and discharge their duties to the very best of their ability. On behalf of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers, he thanked them for the very kind compliment they had paid them. One word with regard to himself. At the time the Lodge was consecrated he felt highly flattered at the Lodge being called after him. Honours were showered upon him, and he expressed the opinion that such a Lodge was wanted in Croydon—that it would be a convenience to the Freemasons of the neighbourhood, and he hoped to see members of the Corporation join it (many members of the Corporation were Freemasons—several Aldermen and Councilmen). He thought it likely, though the present Mayor was not a Freemason, the coming Mayor, who was one, would give the Lodge some standing in the Province. The Lodge had increased in a remarkable manner, and stood in a high position. It had made its mark within twelve months, and was a Lodge of reputation already. The Provincial Grand Master had told them that he intended to hold his Provincial Grand Lodge here. He was sure that the pride which he felt twelve months ago was not diminished at the present time. Bro. John G. Horsey said he must think himself very highly honoured indeed to have his name coupled with that of Bro. George Price. It was perhaps a mark of friendship so to couple it; but it enabled him with great pleasure to say one or two words on the subject. He regretted Bro. Greenwood was unable to be with them that evening, on account of the domestic affliction to which Bro. Price had alluded. Respecting the further remarks of Bro. Price, he could but reiterate his expressions as to the extraordinary success of this young Lodge; that it should within fourteen months of its consecration be selected to entertain a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was indeed an honour which had never occurred in the history of the province. It reflected credit upon the I.P.M., whose endeavours at the Festival last week raised the George Price to a prominence never previously enjoyed by any Lodge in the Province of Surrey. Bro. Langton, in proposing the next toast said, during his occupation of the chair he had had to propose toasts which were familiar favourites with the brethren, and which required hardly any words of his to ensure their hearty reception. But he had now to propose a toast which was different from that which had been proposed by any Past Master of that Lodge—it was that of "Their Worshipful Master." They all knew how Bro. Hobbs had worked his way up to the high position he held in Masonry. Not only had he qualified himself for the various offices he had filled in that and other Lodges, but he had made himself master of the ritual; and had brought his labour and perseverance to assist others; he was Preceptor of two Lodges of Instruction. He had only been a few years in Masonry, but he was now Master of a Lodge that he (Bro. Langton) thought was not second to any other. He would conclude by asking them to drink most heartily to the health of their W.M. Bro. Hobbs in reply said he never in his life so much regretted he was not naturally eloquent as he did on the present occasion, because he could not convey what he felt to the brethren. Bro. Langton, in proposing the toast, had said there was no doubt he did take a deal of interest in Masonry. The brethren had placed him in the position of Master; he thanked them for the honour they had done him, and assured them he would strive to do his best. The idea of this Lodge first occurred to him, and when he looked at the past and the future of the Lodge, he might be pardoned for feeling both pride and satisfaction in contemplating what they had done and what they intended to do. When he asked Bro. Langton to be the first W.M. he felt he was doing something that would be very much to its advantage, but it had made his own task a much more difficult one. It might not have been difficult for him to occupy the chair if he had not been preceded by Bro. Langton; but the brethren would observe a marked difference between their first and second Masters. He intended, however, to do his best, and should rely upon the

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brethren to support him in his year of office, and should trust to the Past Master to keep him right. The health of the Immediate Past Master was the next on the list; Bro. Hobbs felt great pleasure in proposing it. After the strong expression of their feeling displayed he might sit down, but there was something more to say about Bro. Langton, who, as they knew, had thoroughly performed the duties of his office as Master. No one in the room knew better than he did how much the Lodge was indebted to Bro. Langton, who, notwithstanding his professional duties, had found time to go into every detail of the consecration. Since then he had spared neither time nor trouble in the service of the Lodge. On one occasion he had initiated five, and had made his year of office remarkable by what he had done for the Charities. He had already stated that the amount of £13,000 had been taken up to the Girls' Festival. Of that £1,300 was taken by the Stewards of the Province of Surrey, while of the sum Bro. Langton had collected the magnificent total of £400. Two years ago he had himself got together £221, but Bro. Langton had nearly doubled that. He, however, felt nearly as pleased as if he had taken up the amount himself. He had now the pleasant duty of presenting to Bro. Langton the first Past Master's jewel of the George Price Lodge. The banner behind him showed what the members thought, and he felt sure, considering Bro. Langton's position in the Grand Master's Lodge, that he had a brilliant future before him. Still, he felt assured, the jewel he now presented would be valued by Brother Langton beyond all those which he might have a right to be decorated with in the future, and they must all pray that he might have a long life in which to wear it. Bro. Langton, in the course of his reply, after thanking the Worshipful Master and brethren for the toast, said that what he had done for the Lodge had been undertaken with an infinite amount of pleasure; but the greatest pleasure of all had been the duty of installing Bro. Hobbs, and to that he had long looked forward. Any trouble he had experienced had been counterbalanced by the readiness the members had shown to assist him in carrying out the duties. He felt assured they would all continue to work hand in hand under the Mastership of Bro Hobbs, and that the following year would be equally successful as that just brought to a conclusion. For the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Woodward, Foulsham and others replied. The initiate was next complimented. The toast of the Charities brought forth a hearty acknowledgment from Bro. Hedges, but the lateness of the hour compelled curtailment of his and other speeches. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. A. Brown, who was assisted by Bros. J. Hanson, F. Bevan and Dalzell. The well-known ability of these artistes is a guarantee of the excellence with which their selections were rendered.

Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. H. J. P. Dumas Past Grand Deacon, J. T. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary Middlesex, W. Foulsham P.M. 1790, F. R. W. Hedges P.M. 1900, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, R. W. Price P.P.G. Supt. of Works 463, C. Duval (I.C.) 139, F. Knight 1185, J. Illingworth 1938, R. W. Wilson 2054, F. Carter 14, H. Baber W.M. 1790, H. C. Thompson P.M. 1556, F. J. Blake P.M. 410, F. C. Pascall P.M. 1790, Gordon Smith 14, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, John Hooke W.M. 463, W. H. M. Smith W.M. 465, B. Ridge P.M. 413, M. Dicker W.M. 1470 T. W. Hanson 1706, E. Dalzell S.W. 1549, F. Bevan 1706, and W. H. Hanson S.W. 1790.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUGUENOT LODGE, No. 2140.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 10th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when Bro. Hervé Girard P.G.D. P.M. No. 1 was regularly installed as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was a large gathering of brethren to witness the proceedings of the day, among them being Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, John S. Peirce P.G.D., Edgar Bowyer Past G. Standard Bearer, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, R. Hallowes S.W. 33, W. G. Lemon P.M. 165, 1601, T. Hastings Miller P.P.G. Organist Middlesex P.M. 1964, G. A. Potter W.M. 1964, W. H. Newson 172, R. Powell 198, T. W. Traill W.M. 33, John Charles P.M. 19, W. M. Bywater P.M. 19, George Drysdale P.M. 46, John Read P.M. 720 J.W. 2105, Harry O. Yeatman 1159, Charles Barry W.M. 197, T. Burne W.M. 162, James Ricks P.M. 33, Edward H. Barnell P.M. 197, C. Mansfield P.M. 21, T. H. Felton, R. Hovenden, Frank Taylor W.M. 1260, J. Robbins P.M. 231, J. T. Rowe P.M. 198, Arthur C. Tanqueray, S. Pitt 1537, G. Kenning P.P.G D. Middlesex, W. B. Heath P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Penrose Dunbar S.W. 142. Rev. S. T. Frost, O. Hansard 197, W. H. Stanger P.M. 197, Hugh Dumas 859, Frederick H. Cozens 907, J. T. Hutchinson 1765, E. Bury Taylor 586 P.P.G.O., T. M. Lee J.W. 198, A. Garrod P.M. 1587, A. C. Wilks 1964, R. W. Williams J.D. 198, John Davis P.M. 33, A. Lester 1509, W. Coombes 382 Prov. G.D. Middlesex, C. H. Shoppee P.M. 162, T. W. Gray, H. E. Dehane P.M. 1513 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, F. Ernest Collard P.M. 19, G. Coop 141, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Chas. Lambert 198, G. W. Welden W.M. 4, H. C. Lambert P.M. 198 504 2021, J. S. Cumberland W.M. 2128, Webster Glynes P.M. 29, Fredk. Orchard P.M. 198, J. Trueman Tanqueray P.M. 1965, &c. The usual preliminary proceedings having been disposed of Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., who acted as Chaplain during the consecration, delivered the following Oration:—

BRETHREN,—The task you have imposed upon me to-night is honourable, but it is difficult; honourable, because I am speaking to men of eminence in the Craft, who have requested me to assist in the formation of a new and important Lodge. Difficult, because the name of that Lodge recalls to our minds many things of which it is hard to speak without treading upon the forbidden ground of party politics.

Still I attempt the work, hopeful that I may say nothing that will offend.

When we reflect that two hundred years ago your ancestors came to our shores, "French Strangers," seeking an asylum, and that now as we look around we see in you fellow-countrymen, one with us in all things—we are led to ask, "How came this to pass? Why did we receive you with so much sympathy? How is it that you are now so thoroughly identified with the English nation—that you are indeed part of ourselves?" I will endeavour to answer both these questions.

When you came to us, asking for shelter and for protection, we did not stop to inquire whether your Faith was identical with our own. We knew that it was not. We knew that in many points your religious belief differed from ours; but we felt this—that you were contending for a principle that was dear to every Englishman's heart—I mean toleration. Coercion and breach of faith have never found favour in our country. The solemn concordat under which you had for many years lived in comparative peace, was being ignored by France. The attempt was being made by undue means to force you to accept a religious system other than your own. It was not for us to sit in judgment either on your religion or on that of your opponents, but the same principle which many years before had made us, in Magna Charta, insist upon the freedom of our own Church, led us to feel that the liberty we had won for ourselves we sought to help others to secure. Thank God, this has ever been the principle of English citizens. When any one seeks refuge under our flag we ask not whether he gets his Faith from Rome or Geneva, from Constantinople or Canterbury, but simply whether he will be an honest, loyal, and industrious citizen. This is all we ask of you; and we have never regretted the permission we gave you to sojourn amongst us.

And so I come to my second question. What has made you no longer "strangers," but our fellow-countrymen? The answer is plain. You have not abused our hospitality. Content to be allowed freedom to your own Faith, you have not attacked ours. Your enemies said that you were actively aggressive, and that you were attacking unduly the Faith of others. We have not found this to be the case. The English Church stands to-day uninjured by Huguenot refugee. Neither of us sought to disguise the fact that on many points there was a difference. We did not ask you to conform to doctrines which we held to be of the first importance, and you with an honourable gratitude abstained from controversy. Indeed, I think that many of your people have been drawn to us. As you lived amongst us, and married into our families, the English Church won, by love and sympathy, souls who would never have been gained by harshness and persecution, and to-day many a staunch and distinct member of our English Church has Huguenot blood in his veins.

But there is another tie which binds us. For years we have been brethren in arms for the defence of a Common Empire. Wherever English armies have gone, or English fleets have sailed, the Huguenot and the Englishman have fought side by side. You helped us to reconquer Ireland, when, very shortly after your arrival amongst us, the integrity of the Empire was threatened; you stood by our sides in the Peninsula and at Waterloo—in the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, Huguenots and Englishmen have together shed lustre on the English flag. Our interests have become yours. Our honour you have made your own. In England's hour of need, you have never stood aside mindful only of your own welfare,—and we are proud to share with you our sorrows and our joys. And further, you have been useful to us. Englishmen are said to be a nation of shopkeepers. I am proud as an Englishmen to be so designated, because to excel in trade implies the giving of the best possible value for money received. That Englishmen have been able to do this is due in no small degree to Huguenot skill and enterprise. At a very important period in the history of commerce, when many nations were competing for supremacy in commerce, you brought into our country what we wanted, Skilled Workmen. In two branches of trade you specially helped us; and, I believe, the undisputed fact that England stands *easily* first in the goldsmiths and weavers' art, is due in no small measure to your handicraft.

Rightly then do I say that you have earned the right to be no longer strangers to whom we grant an asylum, but brother citizens of the first Empire of the World.

Let us gather then, in conclusion, this lesson. Difference of opinion in religion and politics need be no bar to brotherly intercourse. We are right each of us to contend for our Faith. Religious conviction to be worth anything must be strong. It is cowardly to buy peace by the sacrifice of principle. But let us ever grant to others the liberty we claim for ourselves, and let us ever remember that by mutual toleration that want of harmony, which in our present imperfect condition mars the beauty of God's fair universe, may be softened until He shall see fit to bring us all to One Fold under One Shepherd, when all discord will be gone for ever.

In due course the Officers of the Lodge were invested, among them being Bros. Charles J. Shoppee P.M. 382 and Arthur G. Browning, the Senior and Junior Wardens named in the Warrant. Bro. Major George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer J.W. 969 is the Secretary of the Lodge, for which we predict a future of prosperity. The Consecrating Officer of the Lodge was V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, who was assisted by Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., Ralph Clutton G.J.D., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and Frank Richardson P.G.D.

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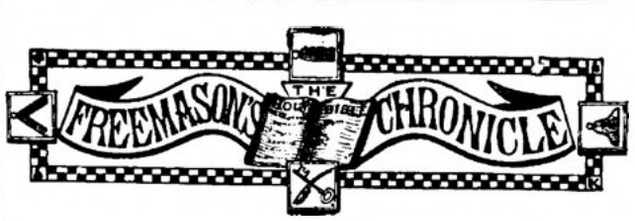
THE ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, CHISWICK LODGE, CHISWICK MARK LODGE, LOYALTY AND CHARITY LODGE, ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER, ST. MARY'S CHAPTER, AND ROYAL ALFRED LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, HOLD THEIR MEETINGS AT THIS ESTABLISHMENT.



QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd June 1886, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 28th 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.

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(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. :—

A Brother of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, London ...	£100	0	0
A Brother of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Ipswich	100	0	0
A Brother of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, Old Brompton	50	0	0
A Brother of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44, Manchester	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of St. John, No. 1306, London ...	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 14th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £3,425 0s 9d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £20 8s 6d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
18th May 1886.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 18th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

> The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn, as President of the Board of General Purposes.
>
> (Signed) RALPH CLUTTON,
> Vice-President.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION—

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.

MARCUS RICHARD SEWILL	21
RICHARD COLEMAN HALLOWES	33
JOHN R. CLIPPERTON	66
GEORGE F. MARSHALL	69
GEORGE BISHOP	231
ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW	263
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH	2048
EUGENE MONTEUUIS	2060
JOHN S. CUMBERLAND	2128

PAST MASTERS.

WILLIAM BRISTOW	G.S.L.
EDWARD F. STORR	22
CHARLES DAIRY	141
JAMES TATLOCK	142
JOHN THOMAS GRIFFITHS, M.D.	161
CHARLES BELTON	165
AUGUSTUS TAYLOR DAY	166
JOHN GEORGE HORSEY	186
CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD	205
JAMES TERRY	228
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	907
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1381
JOHN LAWRENCE MATHER	1471
TOM DREW BEAR	1584
WILLIAM A. DAWSON	1768
JAMES WENTWORTH T. CHAPMAN	1922
JAMES WILLING JUN.	1987

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board.

JAMES BRETT	177
THOMAS W. WHITMARSH	1150
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1381
TOM DREW BEAR	1584
ALFRED COOPER	1591
ALBERT ESCOTT	1593
LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE HALDANE	1615

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL	140
JOHN E. DAWSON	404
THOMAS MOUNT HUMPHRIES	539
HUGH COTTER	554
CAPT. ALFRED DURRANT	569
CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE	733
ALBERT FISH	1366
SAMUEL BROOKS	1608
WILLIAM J. MURLIS	1642
JAPHETH TICKLE	1702

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2141.—The Burnaby Lodge, Donald, Victoria.
2142.—The Lowan Lodge, Nhill, Lowan, Victoria.
2143.—The Orient Lodge of Lilydale, Lilydale, Victoria.
2144.—The De Tatton Lodge, Bowdon, Cheshire.
2145.—The Lodge Justice, Abu Road Station, Bombay.
2146.—The Surbiton Lodge, Surbiton, Surrey.
2147.—The Crays Valley Lodge, St. Mary Cray, Kent.
2148.—The Walsingham Lodge, Wilmington, Kent.
2149.—The Gordon Lodge, Hanley, Staffordshire.
2150.—The Tivoli Lodge, Strand, London.
2151.—The , Wallsend, New South Wales.
2152.—The Duke of Connaught Lodge, Richmond, New South Wales.
2153.—The Lodge of Hope, Gosport, Hampshire.
2154.—The Joshua Nunn Lodge, Halstead, Essex.
2155.—The Makerfield Lodge, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire (W.D.)
2156.—The Arthur Sullivan Lodge, Manchester.
2157.—The St. Mark's College Lodge, Westminster, London.
2158.—The Boscombe Lodge, Boscombe, Bournemouth, Hampshire.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1886 can be had at the Grand Secretary's office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Grosvenor Gallery.—Everybody is suddenly discovering that the Grosvenor is a far better exhibition than the Academy. Probably the reason for this caprice of fashion is that the number of bad pictures is greater in the latter than in the Grosvenor, and it seems to be forgotten that so also is the number of good ones. Still there is little doubt that many eminent artists have sent their best works here, leaving to the Academy their more popular romantic illustrations. Mr. Orchardson's "Master Baby" is almost masterly; it is both refined and strong, while the baby is not an advertisement for Pears' soap. Mr. Waterhouse's "Flower Market," Mr. T. Reid's "Calm Evening," Mr. Alfred Parson's "In a Cider Country," all appear to us to show marked improvement on their Academy works. On the other hand, there are not a few daubs that would disgrace a young ladies' seminary in a country town. There is really little in the Grosvenor of engrossing interest beside Mr. Burne Jones's work. We have two fine portraits—one by Mr. John Collier, of Miss Nettie Huxley, which is about the best thing he has ever done. It may be remembered that his portraits of the three Miss Huxley, some years ago, were generally considered most successful. This portrait is almost realistic in its vividness, while it loses nothing of charm or distinction. The other portrait, that of Miss Annie A. Beebe, is to us the most interesting in the Gallery; moreover, it is the work of a newer man—Mr. J. J. Shannon—although he is by no means new to the galleries. The attitude of the sitter reminds us a little of Mr. Gregory's portrait of a lady, some years ago; but there is no similarity in the painting, which is quite personal, although it shows the best side of the French influence. Mr. Shannon has made a decided "hit" in this portrait. Mr. Richmond is, as usual, very prolific, and is evidently urging his versatility, as he exhibits a classical picture and a landscape, besides ten portraits, in which we also can see an intention to differ. Mr. Richmond's art never rises above lady-like prettiness, and there is here and there apparent a tendency to scribble and take refuge in clothes—a fatal tendency in prolific artists. Moreover, he washes character out of his subjects with soft soap, and then tries to force it back again with a pitchfork. Thus the portrait of Miss Burne Jones is quite commonplace, and he thinks to make it characteristic by an open-air tone and a listless attitude. Some of the portraits are crowded with details, and others, as this, are severely simple. But all this does not solve the difficulty; accessories will never become essentials, in spite of Mr. Richmond's efforts. Mr. Burne Jones's work has an ever-increasing interest, as being that of an artist who is continually improving, refining, and developing. He has acted gracefully in sending one large picture to the Academy, but is not deserting the Grosvenor for the bulk of his works. His "Flamma Vestalis" is tender and full in colour, and is a surprise to those who imagined that Mr. Burne Jones' people are never warm-blooded. "The Morning of the Resurrection" is very reverend and touching, and much of the charm of it lies in the human character of the Saviour's figure. His Christ is a sweet, spare man, with a gentle face; the very folds of his robe justify Mary's hesitation. The imitators of Mr. Burne Jones are more than usually to the fore,—Mr. Strudwick, Mr. A. Spencer Stanhope, Miss Pickering, and Sir Coutts Lindsey, all showing large works, which vie with each other in grotesque absurdity. Surely it is the height of falseness to base one's art on that of Mr. Burne Jones. He is more of a poet than an artist; there is absolutely nothing in the method to recommend itself to the student desirous of learning to paint. He is not, he does not pre-

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tend to be, a master of method. Then, what is there left? His conceptions are his own, his types are his own, his ways of looking at life his own. It is true that the treatment is in many respects that of the Italian painters before Raphael, but much of this is superficial, for the thought is perfectly nineteenth-century. But the peculiarity of the man is that he is absolutely unique. Where else can we find an artist with such child-like simplicity of treatment such a pure delight in the work merely for its own sake (for they singularly misunderstand his genius who attempt to discover any elaborate symbolism), such a depth and sweetness of melancholy thought? To be like him you must be—himself. His followers lack his simplicity and directness. They are complicated, bewildered, distracted, elaborate, torn asunder by conflicting sympathies. It is the highest eulogy of the man to admit that to follow in his footsteps is futility itself. Mr. Spencer Stanhope's quotation is an unconscious satire on his own art—"Why seek ye the living among the dead?" That is the sum of the matter. Why, indeed? To return to the Gallery, every one should notice Mr. John S. Sargent's wonderfully powerful "Study." Mr. Herbert Snell shows a beautiful landscape called "In Chancery," a harmony in lilac and grey. Scattered all over the gallery we find Mr. Meapes' charming little panels, which will bear looking at either quite close or at a distance. We doubt whether such perfection could be obtained save in the tiny spaces which Mr. Meapes affects.

Mr. Bull's Orchid Exhibition.—Among the spring shows to which Society, fashionable and æsthetic, looks forward, there is one that never falls below its ideal. The Academy may be dull, the Grosvenor pragmatic, Kensington an exhausting scramble; but a mile away, close to serene Fulham, there awaits us a wonderland of soft beauty. Mr. Bull's orchids this year seem to excel the lavish profusion of former years. Especially beautiful is his own particular pride and favourite, the Chelsoniense, with its tall sprays, headed with lovely white flowers, sprinkled as it were with the brown dust from a butterfly's wing. One of the most striking flowers now in perfection is the Cattleya grandis, a visitor from Colombia, possessing great silky mauve blossoms. The fantastic red orchid, with its Mephistophelian feather cap, is very attractive; then its delicate "gold cradle," fit for Titania's nursery; the fantastic Jonesianum anchors itself to a scrap of dry bark, and lives and blooms in mid air. Delicate and ethereal as the orchids appear, they are willing to bloom for us in the smokiest city suburbs; they ask but for a little carefully regulated warmth through the winter, and shelter from the hot sun of summer, and they will be satisfied to bloom in the meekest suburban conservatory. We, in conclusion, can warmly recommend our readers to study these most beautiful of our colonial productions, and take Mr. Bull's as an obligato accompaniment to their Colinderies.

Royalty.—It is with feelings of genuine satisfaction we have once more to record a thoroughly artistic success by our young friends "the Dramatic Students," a society of youthful actors, constituted for the higher dramatic education of its members, through the study and interpretation of the drama in its literary aspect. Their previous performance of Dryden's "Virgin Queen" excited much interest, and their present one of "The King of the Commons," though less important, was a very crucial test of the "Students'" histrionic powers. Miss Santley had generously lent her pretty little theatre for the occasion, and on Friday afternoon, the 14th inst., the Rev. J. White's romantic play was produced, so mounted and costumed, so smoothly run off, that it was difficult to believe that the artistes who filled the parts created by Macready, Compton, and Leigh Murray are but aspirants—"Students," but in the highest sense of the word. Mr. Foss, as King James V., gave a very spirited embodiment of the Scottish monarch. His first act was somewhat marred by a hurried and nervous delivery, but he quickly overcame this, and was dignified, with the right ring of cordiality. He rose to very genuine power, holding the house hushed in listening expectancy, in the fine scene where he believes his brother-in-arms, Lord Seton, has betrayed him. Young Malcolm, who has been forced by his treacherous uncle to enter a Dominican cloister, was most impressively acted by Mr. Treschar; this gentleman made a striking picture, in his white robes, and achieved the love scene with his cousin Madeleine (Miss Dickens) with true artistic delicacy of touch, never forgetting his priesthood in his agitation at her confession that she returns his passion. Mr. Eric Lewis was excellent as the old Laird Smaid—most amusing in his fatuous simplicity. Mr. Ben Greet, as the Laird's son, young Mungo—a kind of Master Slender—proved very amusing. Miss Dickens, as the heroine, showed a notable improvement in method, and acted with touching simplicity and earnestness. The play warranted the judgment of those who had selected it; the interest was maintained with unflagging spirit, and several times the applause rose to genuine enthusiasm. We shall look forward with great expectation to the Students' promised "Love's Labour Lost," in which performance Mr. and Mrs. Kendal and Mr. Hare take so much interest that they have consented to give the use of the St. James's Theatre for its production.

Alhambra.—The success that has attended the ballets produced at this establishment since it was converted into a Theatre of Varieties is generally recognised. "Cupid," produced last Monday, will, we think, achieve even greater success than its predecessors. As on many previous occasions Monsr. J. Hansen has invented and arranged the ballet, which is in four tableaux. The last of these represents the Temple of Mirth, where a grand procession takes place, in which Zulus, North American Indians, Nautch Girls, Turkish Warriors, and New Zealanders take part. The scene is one of the grandest and most effective pictures that has been produced on the modern stage. Signorina Bessone (Cupid), who was so popular last year in the ballet "Excelsior," danced splendidly, while her by play was especially good. She was ably supported by Miss Lillie Lee, who is a most graceful dancer. Miss Marie also deserves praise; she is one of the best exponents of pantomime on the stage. Mr. T. E. Ryan is to be complimented on the beautiful scenery he has provided for the ballet. Mons. G. Jacobi has not been idle with another necessary adjunct to the performance—the music. He has given us some of the best of his recent ballet successes; his style is always fresh, and never commonplace. At the conclusion of the ballet all the principal dancers, accompanied by Mons. Hansen and Mons. Jacobi, with the popular manager, Mr. Charles Morton, were called before the curtain and complimented on their work. The other part of the programme was of the usual character.

We have pleasure in recording a gratifying episode in connection with the visit of our colonial brethren to this country in association with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition. Sir. Wm. Clarke, Bart., District Grand Master of Victoria (English Constitution), and also Provincial Grand Master of the same colony for both the Scotch and Irish Constitutions, whose presence in our midst is due to the Exhibition, was among those present at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and as a result of the appeal then made, he has contributed a sum of one hundred guineas to the funds of the Institution. This is a very acceptable gift, and if other of the Masonic visitors who are now amongst us could see their way to follow his example, a handsome "colonial" memento would be the result. Doubtless many of them have been associated, at one time or another, with English Masons; is it going too far to ask them to lend an ear to the claims of the English Masonic Institutions?

Our attention has been called to an omission in our report of the consecration of the Surbiton Lodge, No. 2416 (which appeared in our last issue). The compliment of honorary membership was conferred on the Consecrating Officer, General Brownrigg, and the brethren who assisted him in the ceremony, viz.: Bros. W. H. Perryman, Thomas Long, Rev. Geoffrey Hughes, Charles Greenwood jun., John G. Horsey, James Squire, and W. W. Morgan.

Bro. James Terry P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation in the "Percy" Lodge of Instruction, held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (near Mildmay-park and Dalston Junction Stations), on Saturday, 12th June, at 7 o'clock. Morning dress and Masonic clothing. Brethren are cordially invited.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead has been appointed Clerk to the Chapter of York Minster and Registrar to the Deanery of York, in the place of Mr. C. W. Thiselton, who has retired after a service of forty-seven years.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 29th May 1886:—

Monday.—Royal Somerset House Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 15th Hussars, Spelling Bee Club Ball. Tuesday.—Tuscan Lodge, St. James's Union Chapter, 34th Regiment, 39th Regiment, 82nd Regiment, 53rd Shropshire, Joppa Lodge. Wednesday.—Noviomagus, Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge. Thursday.—St. George's Chapter, Mount Moriah Lodge, Bedford Chapter, 95th Regiment, 19th Regiment, 9th Regiment, 12th Regiment. Friday.—60th Rifles, Jerusalem Lodge. Saturday.—Her Majesty's Tradesmen.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m. The accounts of the Festival will be submitted, and general routine business disposed of.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 27th instant, at 8 p.m. Comps. F. Brasted M.E.Z., W. H. Dean H., T. E. Edmonds J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., G. Skeggs S.N., W. Radcliffe P.S., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather there was a good muster of the Companions. The ritual was rehearsed in a very careful manner, and a very harmonious time was spent.

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THE OVERPRODUCTION OF MASONS.

WE do not assume to be skilled political economists, nor to have the power to untangle knotty questions of national finance; but we know something about Masonry, and there are analogies between certain plain aspects of political economy and Freemasonry which are eminently suggestive. A certain famous French economist, Jean Baptiste Say, maintained that there could not be a "universal glut;" that "we cannot have too much of everything," and that "supply is demand." We are not prepared to admit this in political economy, but we *are* prepared to *deny* it in Masonic economy. Masonry deals only in Masons, and Masons may be produced so rapidly as to cause a "universal glut" in Masons.

Let it be understood that Masons are made not for the profane world, but exclusively for Masonry. We have, or should have, an eye single in this matter. The world is Masonically nothing to us, and Masonry everything. When we appear before the world, it is of necessity, not choice. When we bury our dead, we *must* go to the house of mourning, and thence to the resting-place of the departed. When we lay a corner-stone, we *must* go to the site of the building to be erected, and exercise the ancient prerogative of our Craft in the presence of whoever is in the vicinity. If we are celebrating some notable Masonic event, such as the centennial of a Masonic Body, and require a place of meeting which will accommodate thousands of brethren instead of hundreds, we *must* have a procession of the Craft from our Masonic Temple to the public hall which has been selected as the place where the Craft universal shall congregate, and the public may see us as we proceed from Temple to hall. But unless we, unwisely, and in violation of the manifest teachings of Freemasonry, invite the public to come and join us in a distinctly Craft ceremonial in the Lodge-room, we are guilty of no indiscretion in appearing before the public in the manners above mentioned. We do not make Masons, therefore, for the world, nor do we ever appear in public "to be seen of men," nor can the profane world charge us with the overproduction of Masons, simply because they have nothing to do with it, and no right either to approve or condemn. But Freemasonry itself has a right to complain of the overproduction of Masons, and it does often complain, in the language of its wisest thinkers and writers.

Which are the periods when the Fraternity is most in danger from this peril? From experience we should say, first, in time of war. We recently quoted an extract from the announcement of a Scotch recruiting officer, that enlistment carried with it the "freedom of Masonry." This has never, to our knowledge, been the case in our country, and should not have been the case anywhere; but all who recall the circumstances of our late civil war will remember the "rush" into the Craft that occurred then. Men put on Masonry as they would a helmet, to protect them from peril. The demand for the degrees of Masonry was prodigious, and the supply was equal to the demand. Even Military Lodges were warranted, and Masons were hastily made to order on the field of battle. That was a period of overproduction. Many rough ashlars were received then, which to this day are rough enough. Not a few of the personal stains on the escutcheon of Masonry have been owing to a period of war, the perils of a field of bloody conflict, and the consequent overproduction of Masons.

Another period of overproduction is when a country is eminently prosperous, money plenty, and candidates everywhere ready to pay handsomely for the right to share in the secrets of the Craft. Shoddy rich men usually make shoddy Masons. Gilding, under these circumstances, has often been mistaken for refined gold. An applicant for Masonry should be *refined*, for if he be not so upon entering, he will likely never be so thereafter. Freemasonry is not a hospital for the cure of moral ills, but an aggregation of sound men, physically, mentally and morally. But all men are not sound in all these particulars—very far from it. The scrutiny of a committee of inquiry, and the test of the ballot, are intended to ascertain the qualifications of a candidate, and ordinarily do ascertain it, but not always. Masonry does not claim to be infallible, and it is sometimes imposed upon, but its purpose is always to detect the unworthy, before initiation, if possible, and afterwards, if such unworthiness manifest itself afresh. But it is difficult to be guarded against them when times are "flush," candidates plenty, and great financial prosperity knocking at the doors of all our Lodges, demanding admission.

Still another period of overproduction is, singularly enough, during "hard times," when money is scarce, the Lodges poor, and candidates comparatively infrequently offering themselves. Then it is, also, that poor material is built into our moral edifice. Then it is that there is an overproduction of Masons, even when but few in the aggregate are being added to the Craft. Lodges are too anxious for members. Brethren drum up recruits. The money of a candidate is looked at more closely than himself.

It will thus be seen that Freemasonry is *always* in danger of a glut of Masons—in time of war and in time of peace, in time of commercial prosperity and in time of financial distress. We cannot, therefore, be too careful in scrutinizing the qualifications of every applicant for Masonry. As the Kansas *Light* says, "There is not one man in five that is of the right material to be made a Mason," so that if we take the whole five, where are we? Covered in with rubbish. Let it not be. Let the Masonic crop be not large, but good. Let us have Masons who are true to their obligations, active and earnest in sharing in the work of the Craft, and life-long lovers of the Fraternity, through sunshine and storm. Let us restrict our production of Masons, carefully select our material, and the result will be that the high character of Freemasonry will be fully maintained, and its repute so spotless than even no one in the profane world will dare to cast a stone at us.—*Keystone.*

Lodge of Joppa, 188.—An emergency meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 25th inst., for the purpose of initiating Messrs. Henry Harwood, Jas. Harwood, and Henry Green. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap W.M., L. Wall S.W., George M. Lion J.W., James Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, I. Botibol S.D., Gardner J.D., M. Lenzberg I.G., Martin I.P.M., P.M.'s A. Dodson, M. Spiegel, M. Alexander, L. Alexander, L. Myers, O. Roberts, and a numerous attendance. Visitors—P. Pardoe P.M. 1585, A. Benabo 212, D. C. Berg 1613, and Louis Joseph 975. After the business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the loyal toast being proposed, and the initiates, who each subscribed £1 1s to the Joppa Benevolent Fund. The brethren spent an enjoyable evening.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—On Monday, 17th inst., at 7.30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 38 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Abbs as W.M., R. D. Simms (Secretary) S.W., Beckett J.W., Blamiers W.M. Preceptor, Passmore S.D., Cockersell J.D., Tomblings I.G., Blake Tyler; P.M. Brogar 730. After preliminaries, the working tools of the 1st degree were explained by Bros. Simms, Tomblings, Passmore, Abbs, Beckett, McClintock, Cockersell, Simms, Tomblings and Passmore. The questions leading to the third were put by the W.M., and correctly answered. The Lodge was lowered to the first degree. Hearty good wishes from No. 730 (I.C.). Nothing further having been offered Lodge was closed in due form.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—At the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, on Thursday, the 20th instant. Bros. W. W. Williams W.M., Austin S.W., Child J.W., Altman S.D., Rogers J.D., Wittle I.G., John Davies Preceptor, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Spiegel P.M., and Cavers. Lodge was opened; Bro. Chalfont offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony rehearsed. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Austin S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting.

GRAND MASONIC BALL.

A GRAND Masonic Ball took place at the Assembly Rooms, Ventnor, on Thursday, 6th inst., under the auspices of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, in aid of the Charities. There was a large and fashionable attendance, 133 in number, the dresses of the ladies being particularly attractive, and blending well with the gay decorations of the room. Amongst those present were Bros. Edgar Goble P.G.S. I.G., S. Coghill, M.D., G. A. Mursell P.G.S.D., Samuel Wheeler P.G.J.D., F. Topham Jones W.M., Mark Linfield P.M., A. Houston P.M., &c., Alfred Scott P.M., &c., T. H. J. Petherick P.M., Theo. R. Saunders P.M., W. T. Way Buckell P.M., T. H. Clough J.W., and T. P. Ansle, R.A., who acted as Secretary of the Ball Committee. Bro. Jones opened the ball, and dancing was kept up with spirit till four o'clock. Bro. Tolman catered for supper, which was served up in elegant style.

MASONIC LECTURE.

KNOBS AND EXCRESCENCES.

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.

No Lecture fee; travelling expenses only accepted. Address—Clapham S.W.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 29th MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

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

MONDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 1st JUNE.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 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)
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)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
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)
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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
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.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
108—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club Hanover-street, Keighley
384—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
1403—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
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 Temple, Ulverston

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1144—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Retear
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1473—Poodle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveden.
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. 993—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1381—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, 2nd 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Checquers, 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.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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
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)
615—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
200—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, 150 North Hall-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Ambulious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
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, 3rd 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
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, Stamgate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Rockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 5.30 (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
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)
M.M. 109—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
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Sandhall, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
309—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
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

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913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
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, Elland
1282—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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1607—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

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, 4th JUNE.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 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.)
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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

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
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. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 5th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai 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

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
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA AND SCOTTISH TEMPLARS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have received from the Great Prior of Canada an important statement relative to the position of the National Great Priory and certain local bodies of Knight Templars under the jurisdiction of the Chapter General of the Order in Scotland.

Great Priory claims absolute jurisdiction in Canada, and the Scottish Knights do not seem to see their way clear to give up their independence—or allegiance to Scotland.

It seems to me, as I think it will to your readers generally, that the Scottish Sir Knights are now in a false and an anomalous position, and it would be much better for them and for the Order in Canada if they would seek to be absolved from their allegiance to the Grand Master of Scotland (which absolution I feel sure would be as readily granted by the Earl of Rosslyn as a like request to the Grand Master of England the Prince of Wales when asked for by the Great Priory of Canada), and then they might throw in their lot with the English Canadian Templars, remembering that union is strength.

I trust you will be able to find room for the statement of both the Scottish Knights and the Great Prior in your valuable paper.

Yours in the bonds,

EMRA HOLMES, K.C.T.
Representative of Canada in Great Priory;
Hony. Prov. Prior of Canada.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I be allowed to call the attention of your readers to a somewhat extraordinary phenomenon. There is in the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, a Foundation Stone, laid by our much esteemed Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett. This stone has his name inscribed upon it, along with the names of other worthy brethren of lesser note. Now, one of these names always appeared to be haunted, if I may use the term, by another, on which it had apparently been superimposed, and the ghastly name was always more or less indistinct, influenced, probably, by atmospheric changes, and leaving one in the depths of conjecture as to what the *nomen in quo* was. However, on looking at the stone on the last occasion I visited the Hall I was surprised to find that the prominent name had disappeared in toto, while the underlying one had, doubtless by some molicular disturbance of the stone, come boldly up to the surface. Perhaps some of your readers may be able to offer some solution of this problem. Meanwhile I remain,

Yours fraternally,
P.Z., S.D.

THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the letter of "P.M. 1607" in your edition of the 24th ult., I notice the data upon which he relies has been gathered from the Festival Reports. This no doubt is where the error arises when he speaks of contributions from this Province during seven years. It was natural to suppose the sum named represented all this Province had sent during those years, whereas he apparently left out of consideration the money sent through the ordinary channels, securing annual and life votes (but which should surely go to the credit of the Province), and has only dealt with sums contributed at the Festivals. My figures include the contributions through these ordinary sources, and so represent the total contributed during seven years, which the Financial Tables profess to do.

I am glad to have convinced "P.M. 1607" of his error in relation to the "Oliver Memorial Boys," although he endeavours to make out that there is yet a liability in connection with them of £45 each; this is, I think, going rather too far. The purchase was the result of a contract, the sum paid being considered sufficient by the School authorities. How can the Province have further liability in such case. Then the payment of £180 each on the boys entering the School was worth, say £20, to the Institution in the way of interest, and if either or both boys had died the balance would have been retained. These points were duly considered when the contract was made, and it is rather too bad now to be told that there is further liability.

Just one other correction. "P.M. 1607" errs as to the voting power of the Province. Boys' votes are, Life 575, Annual 41, and not 413 Life and 39 Annual. Girls' are 266 Life, and 23 Annual, and not 275 Life and 21 Annual. These give 1810 available votes per annum, sufficient to secure the election of either a boy or a girl should we always require this, which we may not, but the past is what "P.M. 1607" refers to in his criticism, and as our elections have been secured by the legitimate use of our voting power, occasionally aided by loans from other Provinces, which is not an unusual practice with the Provinces, I hardly think the remarks made by "P.M. 1607" in his communication will conduce to the attainment of the object he doubtless has in view.

Yours fraternally,
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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE closing day of the present month will witness the last of this year's Festivals on behalf of the three great Institutions of Freemasonry, and on the result of that celebration much of the future conduct of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys depends. Is it then to be wondered at that, as the time draws near for the Festival, anxiety increases, and speculation is rife as to what may be in store for the Charity. If we may take the result of the two Festivals already held this year—on behalf of the sister Institutions of Freemasonry—as a basis on which to found our speculations, we may perhaps be justified in anticipating a success for the Boys, for both the Benevolent Institution Festival in February, and that on behalf of the Girls' School last month, proved to be successes in the fullest sense of the word; but are we justified in settling the question in our minds thus easily? Would it not be far more politic to assume that the mere fact of two successful Festivals having already taken place this year is more likely to detract from, than add to, the success of a third; and that the last of the celebrations might suffer from the good fortune of the other two? This certainly appears the more reasonable inference, and is one which leads so many of the well-wishers of the School to experience grave anxiety, year by year, until the result of the Festival is made known. There are many who consider the Boys' School particularly unfortunate in regard to the time at which its Annual Festival is held, as compared with the other two Institutions, and the arguments adduced in support of this inference are certainly very strong. It is urged that the Boys' Festival comes at a time when the majority of the Lodges have been closed for some two or three months, and that, therefore, many of those who undertake the office of Steward on its behalf experience exceptional difficulties in addressing the brethren of their Lodges, while, in a very large number of cases, they are really debarred from personally canvassing the members as they would be able to do during the period the Lodge was in session. The remedy for this is,—we may be told,—for brethren to give in their names and commence the work of their Stewardship some months before the Festival; but we know, by experience, this is not done; besides which, brethren so acting have sometimes to meet the argument that they are taking the ground from other Stewards who may be working for an earlier Festival. Again, as we have said above, there are two similar Festivals preceding it each year, and if they prove to be successes many brethren assume the third will be equally fortunate, and relax their efforts on its behalf; while if the two first should prove failures a scare would be created which would frighten many from supporting the third.

We have often wondered that it has not been found possible to introduce some novelty which should in a measure counteract these drawbacks; but at present there is really nothing, if we may except the fact that at the Boys' the ladies take a more prominent part than at either of the other Festivals. The prominence of the fair sex is, however, only for the day; there is nothing to refer to afterwards—from a "matter-of-fact mercenary" point of view—as a memento of their patronage, and to this fact we again refer at length in the hope that some of our fair sisters may read these lines and be induced to inaugurate something like an innovation. The ladies will excuse us telling them, that they could do something on behalf of "our boys" if they would, and as the Festival of the Boys' School is to many of them a red-letter day, we would earnestly ask them to give the matter their consideration. A few guineas collected by each of the ladies present at the approaching Festival would make a very handsome addition to the total then to be announced; but, unfortunately, all these matters want some one to make a start, and the ladies seem behindhand in securing a leader. Who, then, shall earn the honour of inaugurating a ladies' list for our Boys' School? Remember, it is on behalf of an Institution which does an immense amount of good, and which provides at least two days' enjoyment each year for those ladies and brethren who may be able to avail themselves of it. A little done by each lady who attends the Festival would make one or more poor lads happy, if not for the rest of their life at least for a few years. We may remind our sisters, should they attempt anything in the way we have suggested, that they must confine their operations to their own sphere; they must raise their funds themselves, and not let their husbands do it for them, as in that case the husband would not act as Steward, excusing himself on the ground that he is working on behalf of "his wife's list." There must be no poaching; there is ample room for all; and if the ladies would only attempt to gather the crumbs—considered, perhaps, too small for their husbands' lists—they would do a good service in a quarter where it is much needed. As a special inducement for the fair sex to attempt something, we may say that the approaching Festival of the Boys' School is to be held at Brighton, and if only the day be fine, a more enjoyable trip than that with "our boys" it would be difficult to find. Those who participated in the Festival of 1881, which also was held at Brighton, must remember the pleasures of that day too well not to desire another such outing, and if the celebration to take place on the 30th of the present month be only as successful as that one, there will be nothing to lament over.

The Chairman of this year's Festival, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, is a Mason well fitted to the post he has undertaken. As ruler of the Masonic Province of Norfolk he has shown his ability as a Craftsman in many ways, and nothing will be wanting on his part that is likely to add to the success of the meeting. He will be supported by upwards of two hundred and sixty Stewards, among whom are to be found the names of brethren who have done well in the past, and are doubtless striving to do better in the future; while many who have now undertaken the duty of Steward for the first time are doubtless anxious to do as well as those who have gone before, even if they are not striving to excel. Then we must not forget that the fact of holding the Festival at Brighton takes the company into a Province which will then have as its Installed Master one of the best loved men in England—H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who is to be installed as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., on the 22nd inst. We hope that the new ruler of Sussex will find it convenient to be at the head of his brethren to welcome the many Masonic visitors to his Province on this occasion; his presence would add an additional charm to what promises to be a pleasant gathering.

Much of the bright side of the picture we have painted

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of course depends on the result of the appeal now before the Craft, which will culminate on the day in question, and although thus far we may appear to have taken a sanguine view of the matter, we are far from sure we ought to have done so. There is much to be achieved before the Boys' Festival of this year can be said to have provided what is actually required from it, and although we hope for the best, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact of there being many counteracting influences at work. For this reason, and on behalf of the Institution itself, we earnestly urge on our readers the absolute necessity of their doing what they can to assist in the work. The needs are great, and the deeds of the workers must also be great. The Institution has recently made large additions to its capacity, and the Committee would willingly go further if only they felt justified in so doing. The number of candidates is great, and almost every day the cry of distress is heard which might be relieved by this Institution were it not for the lack of funds. The Craft has done well on its behalf in the past, and no doubt will continue to do so for many years to come—for all time let us hope; but at the present there is an absolute need of assistance, which can only be secured by united and persevering work on the part of all who are in a position to give it. There are surely some among our readers in such a position; we appeal to them, and trust our appeal may not be made in vain.

THE FRIENDSHIP OF FREEMASONRY.

From a sermon preached on the occasion of St. John's Anniversary 1885, before the members of Acacia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Pugwash, Nova Scotia, by Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A.

FREEMASONRY is a brotherhood, not designed for the bestowment of charity, as many would suppose, but for the promotion of the highest ends of earthly friendship. As a type of what that friendship should be, I draw your attention to the instance cited in my text. The brotherliness of David and Jonathan has become proverbial. Let us glance at the distinguishing features of the relationship subsisting between them.

It appears to have been based upon congeniality of temperament. It is difficult to analyze those subtle influences which pervade our natures and exert an attracting or repelling power over us in the social intercourse of life. To these influences in their attracting power is doubtless due the organization represented here to-night, and now diffused as a network over all lands and among all nationalities. When David first came into the presence of Jonathan, the heart of the latter experienced the strange magnetism of love, and on that same day they plighted their mutual troth. It would be too much to suppose that between each member of this fraternity and every other member there was perfect congeniality of temperament, but I am only affirming what is universally admitted when I say that the atmosphere of Masonry tends to develop and cement friendship on this basis. Meeting as strangers, representing different walks in social life, separated by denominational and political lines, there is that which, in continuous intercourse, creates a common bond of union, and a common ground of friendship. As there is the shibboleth of domestic, social, political and religious life and relationship, so there is the shibboleth of Masonry. We may not analyze the friendship of the Brotherhood; we only know it exists, and is marked by characteristic features of its own.

The friendship of which we are speaking was pre-eminently practical. Sentiment is a fine thing; but friendship which is all sentiment is not suited to this hard world, when experiences are rough and interests involved. The friendship of sentiment is the pleasant intercourse which is begotten of bright skies and smooth waters, but the friendship which serves and ennobles us in the combined endeavour to tread the rough and weary paths of life and to outride its fierce and frequent storms. At the time to which my text refers it was in the power of Jonathan to render important service unto his friend. This opportunity he nobly improved. Self-interests might have interfered, had he allowed them to do so. There was the possibility of compromising himself in the favour of his father; there was the more than probability of being superseded in the throne, by serving his friend; but if base and unworthy thoughts suggested themselves to his mind, he spurned their control. Not once did considerations such as these interfere with the sacred obligations of covenanted friendship. As he would serve himself or as he would be served by another, so served he David. He interceded with his father on one occasion, until he was propitiated and danger was temporarily averted, and when this mode of service would no longer avail, he aided David in effecting his escape to some place of safety.

It will be noticed that Jonathan *imperilled his life* in the sacred cause of friendship. In the face of the shams and pretences which characterize every age, and are manifest in every institution, what a noble type of friendship and brotherhood is here displayed, a model and incentive for all time. Brothers, you are bound to friendship, to the most sacred ideas and duties which this term implies. Never forget it. I need not remind you that your obligations do not involve utter improbabilities or mere possibilities, but certainties, actual experiences. Every brief interval of time discovers opportunities for fulfilling the obligations of this covenanted friendship. Do not regard them in a selfish or cynical spirit, but rising above what is base and unworthy of a man and brother, do that which the demands of the hour may seem to require at your hands. Do not say, "depart in peace, be warmed, be filled," but relinquish ease, consecrate wealth, jeopardise life, if necessary—in a word, let the practical character of your friendship be its grand feature. I speak not thus because I think you need to be instructed or even exhorted in these matters, but that the pronounced features of your brotherhood may be brought into prominence and may command universal recognition and admiration.

Full well I know your readiness to serve those whom the vicissitudes of life may have thrown upon your sympathies, and the unwritten records of your history will furnish many an evidence of the spirit of brotherhood by which you are actuated and which constitutes the crown and glory of the institution itself in all its world-wide ramifications. But in our endeavour to serve, let us not forget the dignity that inheres in this institution which we represent, and which we are bound to maintain. Ours is not a benefit society. For the advantages which such may offer, men may look elsewhere. Neither is it a refuge for the indolent, whither they may resort to escape the consequences of idleness or improvidence. But such services as are born of love, as are bestowed in accord with the merits of the case, and as fully recognise the dignity of true manhood, be it ever ours to render. To the brother who, amid the storms of life has suffered the wreck of fortune, give the needed help, and his destitution shall redound to your moral and spiritual enrichment. To the brother whom sickness may overtake in a land of strangers, let your presence be that of a ministering angel, and your silent and unostentatious offerings as the gentle and refreshing dews which the heavens distil upon the dry and parched earth.

This friendship had its aspect of exclusiveness in a given instance for mutual advantage. A sign was agreed upon, by which Jonathan conveyed to David certain intelligence intended for his benefit alone. There was no moral principle involved in this sign. The whole thing was a matter of expediency. It is sometimes objected to Freemasonry that it is a secret institution. Be it so; there is no relationship, whether domestic or social, or political or religious, affected thereby. In this there is no invasion of any right, no violation of any principle. Secrecy is more or less a characteristic of every institution. To some extent it enters into the economy of life in connection with all classes and callings. As well inveigh against the private marks of the merchant, the hieroglyphics of the cablegram, or the cypher by which the postal-card writer would seek to impart his most precious intelligence. That the signals of the Masonic code may be perverted to unworthy ends we do not doubt. That such has been the case it might be reasonable to suppose. In like manner, fire-arms, intended for purposes of maintenance or defence, have furnished instruments for the destruction of life and property. Religion itself, designed to promote the highest ends of individual and social life, has been made a mantle to cloak designs the most sinister and base. If the theoretic Craft into which you have been initiated has put into your hands implements intended for high and beneficent ends, that thereby the individual and organic good of the Brotherhood may be promoted, it only remains for us in the use of these implements, to regard

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the grand moral principles underlying all manhood, and *evidently* symbolised in the ceremonials of our Order. In harmony with these principles let us prize the facilities afforded for the recognition and service of a Brotherhood which knows no geographical bounds, no national limitations, which ignores the distinctions of caste, and overleaps the barriers of creed.

This friendship involved relationships. Thus we hear Jonathan stipulating with his friend, "Thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the kindness of the Lord, that I die not: but also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever." There is an exclusiveness about Freemasonry which to the *profane* world constitutes a distinguishing feature of the Craft; but so far as its sympathies, its benevolent aspirations, as expressed in its obligations, are concerned, there is a breadth and inclusiveness that ought not to be less manifest. It is not to your *brother* alone you are to look, not to *his* interest alone you are to be mindful, but the interests of those dependent on him or related to him. A brother may die, may pass beyond the reach, personally, of your sympathy or your help. When in his open grave you cast the apron, the essential badge of a Mason, the acacia sprig, which, to the initiated, symbolises our enduring faith in the immortality of the soul, you may have rendered to him, personally, the last tribute of a brother's respect and affection, but his claims upon you have not ceased. Your covenanted obligations are not necessarily all fulfilled. He may have passed to the heavenly sanctuary, where the mystic light, unmingled with darkness, diffuses an unbroken and perpetual brightness, and his name be removed from the roll of the lodge's membership; but in the persons of his widowed wife or orphaned children you recognize the sacred reminders of claims which, while they bind you as with chains of adamant, are to your heart like the tenderest embraces of a maiden's love. We do not say that these ideals of virtue are realized in the life of every brother; where and by whom are ideals realized? but we do say that they are enshrined in the obligations and traditions of our Brotherhood, and in so far as they are realized in personal life and endeavour, Freemasonry becomes the adumbration of those essentially divine qualities which distinguish our holy Christianity.—*Liberal Freemason.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

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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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CHARITY ORGANISATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In a recent article in your valuable journal you described the Charity Organisation Society as what I have long been of opinion it is—"a huge blot upon the name of charity." May I relate to you an instance which, to my own knowledge, is by no means a solitary one? A widow lady, by the death of her husband, lost the advantage of a pension which he had deservedly enjoyed after forty years of service in a public institution in the City. Having no other means of support, she was eventually compelled to give up her house, and to cast about her for such employment as one who had been brought up in that position could undertake; but I suppose that situations, even of a superior character amongst women, are as scarce as those adapted to our own sex. Anyhow, she was compelled to seek for assistance amongst those by whom she was known—the vicar of her parish, the medical man who had attended the husband and family, and so on. But in an unlucky moment she listened to the kindly advice of a minister to apply to the Charity Organisation Society; and, buoyed up with hope, she sought the officer of her district, and explained that both she and her family were in most urgent need, even of the common necessaries of life. A hundred questions were asked, and she was told to come again. Meanwhile, an official of the Society called upon the widow, and asked a hundred other inquisitorial and unnecessary questions, promising, as before, to "do something for her." This process was repeated for five or six weeks, and, after the paid inquisitor had discharged his functions with painful ostentation, after repeated visits to the unfortunate applicant, she was ultimately rewarded by the truly magnificent gift of *five shillings!* This beats the Mansion House Fund, as the saying goes, "into fits." I happen to know the family well, and feel assured the lady would never have stooped to so abject an application unless compelled to do so by positive want. This prying into private affairs, and the miserable holding out of false hopes to half-starving poor persons seems to be the especial function of the Charity Organisation Society, which, I repent, is a "blot upon the very name of Charity." God forbid that such a system should ever be "innovated" into Freemasonry, as correspondents in certain journals not long ago suggested; for such an abominable delusion would destroy the vitals of that system of benevolence of which we are proud, and are happy to administer under the motto of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." I can furnish you with other instances, if need be, of the tyrannical, cruel, and callous conduct of Charity Organisation agents, who fatten upon the bounty of a benevolent public, and swallow up the funds kindly contributed for the relief of the really deserving poor. While they get fat on the money subscribed, true Charity is diverted from its intended channel, and the deserving poor are sent empty away. This is a shameful anomaly, that should open the eyes of the large-hearted, for heaven knows there is plenty of real poverty around us without engaging overbearing, hard-hearted and overpaid officials to discover it for us.

Yours fraternally,

INDIGNANT.

P.S.—Since the above was written I note the following appeal, on behalf of the widow in question, published by a well-known minister in the columns of the *Christian World*:—"£10 to Save a Home.—An urgent appeal is made on behalf of a widow who is in great distress, being left quite unprovided for. The help of a few pounds would now save her home, and enable her to start afresh. References to ministers and others can be given. Subscriptions would be thankfully received by Rev. J. Morley Wright, Wickham Road, Brockley."

Comment is unnecessary.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of P.Z. S.D. in your last week's number has induced me to make a personal examination of the Memorial Stone placed in the Masonic Temple of the Surrey Masonic Hall.

I have been literally astonished by what I saw. The stone has been tampered with, and, I may almost say, *desecrated*, by the treatment it has received.

I remember the occasion on which it was laid by Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, in May 1874, and have in my possession full report of the ceremonial, published by your contemporary at that time. The worthy Brother who then bore the "heat and burthen of the day" as Chairman of the Company was the hero of the hour, and deservedly received the warmest acknowledgments of all concerned. His name was then engraven on the Temple face of the stone, in its proper place amongst the names of other Directors. It has been ruthlessly removed, and the name of some unknown brother substituted. Why? Can any reason whatever justify interference with a truthful record. I think not; and it grieves me to see so startling an evidence of anti-masonic feeling exhibited in a place which had been solemnly dedicated to Brotherly love and *Truth*.

Yours fraternally,

E.J.G., W.M.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A remarkable incident has been related to me, the circumstances of which are of such rare occurrence in Masonic circles that the episode is eminently deserving of record in our annals, unique though it be, happily, in modern Craft history. A week or two since a numerous company of brethren and Visitors attended a regular meeting of one of our City Lodges, when some excellent working was succeeded by an equally enjoyable banquet. I am told that "the brethren enjoyed themselves in brotherly love;" but, immediately the toast list was opened, it would seem that the harmony of the gathering was "ruthlessly disturbed" by a scene which is almost incredible in connection with a Masonic banquet. The toast of the Queen and the Craft was proposed with the loyalty and affection which ever characterises it in our Lodges, and all the brethren present, *save one*, rose to a response which is only due from those who own the position of her Most Gracious Majesty as the Patron of the Craft. This brilliant specimen of a disloyal Mason and Englishman shall be nameless—at any rate, as far as I am concerned; yet, let the fact be immortalised that disloyalty and disrespect for the Monarchy are not confined to the rag-tag and bobtail of Socialism and Revolution, but has dragged its miserable and unwelcome presence into a Masonic Lodge. I am told that "this one brother would not rise, even after he had been requested by the whole of the assemblage,"—"an instance," my informant writes, "which never before occurred, I believe, in any Masonic Lodge." I have been asked to express an opinion as to how the Master of the Lodge in question should have proceeded in so awkward a predicament as that in which he was placed by this breach of loyalty and etiquette on the part of an individual member of a Lodge. I am not aware that the defaulter is liable to any further punishment than the shame and ignominy which should cover him by his wretched want of good taste and of consideration for the feelings of his more cultivated brethren, whose only course is to send the un-Masonic cad to "Coventry." We have heard of cases in which revolutionary scoundrels who have vented their puny dislike for Royalty at political meetings by "hissing" at the mention of the names of members of the Royal family have been kicked out from the company which they have thus disgraced; but this would be unseemly in a Masonic gathering, where brotherly love is a principle equally observed with the Masonic watchword of *Loyalty to the Throne* and devotion to the Craft.

I am very loth to employ harsh words, even in relation to such a

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flagrant act of obstinacy and ignorance as that perpetrated by our recalcitrant brother at the banquet alluded to; but no expression of indignation is too strong in respect of so paltry an exhibition of disloyalty to the Queen and Craft, or so glaring and gratuitous an insult to the other brethren who participated in the festivities of that eventful evening.

In dismissing this "incident" with the hope that it will never be repeated in the annals of our Order,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A LOYAL MASON.

MARK MASONRY.

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HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., in the Hall (Room 21), Holborn Restaurant, Little Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London. The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason presided, and was supported by the following Grand Officers:—Bros. William Kelly G.M.M.M. Leicester as Deputy Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford G.S.W., W. J. Hughan P.G.W. as G.J.W., Colonel A. Somerville Burney G.M.O., J. S. Eastes G.S.O., Ralph Gooding, M.D., G.J.O., Revs. H. Cummings and T. W. Lemon, M.A., Grand Chaplains, James Moon Grand Treasurer, Frederick Binckes Grand Secretary, F. Richardson Grand Registrar, P. Wallis G.S.D., G. Mickley and R. P. Spice G.J.D.'s, Robert Berridge G.D.C., Miles J. Walker Grand Sword Bearer, W. P. Collins Grand Standard Bearer, E. J. Hoare Grand Organist, George Graveley G.I.G., Jabez Church, J. W. Fuller, G. Edwards, D. P. Cama, J. Ramsay, E. H. Thorne, W. B. Williamson, P. A. Scratchley, C. A. C. Jones, Grand Stewards, and a large attendance of brethren. After Lodge had been formally constituted, the Grand Mark Master was saluted in ancient form, and the minutes of the meeting of 1st December 1885 were read and confirmed. The Report of the General Board was then formally presented, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

In submitting their Report to Grand Lodge, the Board feel justified in prominently alluding to the election of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master, an event which cannot fail to exercise a very important influence on the interests of the Order. While in no way involving the possibility of a recognition of the Mark degree as an essential portion of Ancient Freemasonry—from which position it is absolutely debarred by the Articles of Union, of 1813—the fact of having at its head the illustrious Prince who occupies a similar distinguished position as the supreme head of English Craft Masonry, is sufficient proof that there is nothing inconsistent in the principles of the Mark degree with the principles of Craft Masonry.

The number of Certificates issued during the six months to 31st March last is 781, the total number of registered members being 21,657.

In the degree of Royal Ark Mariner the Certificates issued during the same period were 72, the total number on the Register being 1258.

Warrants for Mark Lodges have been issued:—

No. 361.—Onslow, London.
No. 362.—Wouldhave, South Shields, Durham.
No. 363.—Raspini, London.
No. 364.—Gordon, Gravesend, Kent.
No. 365.—Hesperus, Bourke, River Darling, N.S.W.
No. 366.—Hertford, Hertford.

Warrants for Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners.—Calthorpe, attached to Mark Albert, 270, Gwalior. Prince of Wales, to Mark Lodge Prince of Wales, 4, London.

A new Province, that of Hertfordshire, has been constituted, and Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., appointed as the first Provincial Grand Master.

In three Provinces the following changes have taken place:—

Staffordshire—R.W. Bro. Col. Geo. S. Tudor has been appointed Provincial Grand Master, vice R.W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough.

Monmouthshire—R.W. Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, J.P., as Provincial Grand Master, vice R.W. Bro. L. Homfray, J.P.

Warwickshire—R.W. Bro. The Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, as Provincial Grand Master, vice R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, resigned.

To meet the increasing requirements for the business of the Office, and the demands for accommodation by various Masonic Bodies for meetings, the Board have entered into an agreement with the original lessees of the premises in Red Lion-square for a lease of additional rooms at a further rental of £40 per annum, for a term concurrent with that of their existing tenancy. This arrangement will considerably increase the facilities for the conduct of the business of the Order, and also will add to the accommodation already extensively recognised as suitable for Masonic purposes.

The relations between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and this Grand Lodge remain in *statu quo*. Those relations are, however, unhappily affected in no inconsiderable degree by the hostile action taken by the authorities in Quebec and by Grand Chapters of the United States against the United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, of which bodies all Mark Master Masons under this jurisdiction are members. While this Grand Lodge, in common with the other Supreme Bodies in Great Britain and Ireland, is unable to concur in the American theory of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, as contrary to Antient landmarks, and to historical fact, it absolutely disclaims all right to interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters of the United States. And as regards the Grand Chapter of Quebec, it has every desire that some *modus vivendi* should be found by which an amicable arrangement of the points in dispute may be arrived at.

The revision of the Constitutions has been a work of considerable labour, now happily concluded, and it is believed that the Text Book of the Order as now presented will be accepted with satisfaction by those for whose guidance it has been prepared.

The Board have to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Grand Chapters of South Carolina, Nebraska, Arkansas, Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois.

The Board have relieved the following cases:—

Bro. G. S. P., No. 40	£20	0	0
Mrs. S. T.	5	0	0
„ C. A.	10	0	0
„ E. A. L. J.	10	0	0
„ L. M. G.	10	0	0

And recommend the following grants for confirmation by Grand Lodge:—

Bro. G. S. P., No. 40	£30	0	0
„ J. W. B., „ 211	25	0	0
„ W. G., „ 39	25	0	0
„ W. H. G., „ 311 (daughter of)	20	0	0

The Invested Funds are as follows:—

General Fund	£2,900	0	0
Benevolent Fund	1,300	0	0
Educational Fund	1,900	0	0
Annuity Fund	1,300	0	0

Appended are the accounts of the Grand Treasurer.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL,
Past G.M.M.M.

Dr. *Cr.*

To Balance 30th Sept. 1885	£200	12	1	By Ordinary Expenditure	£709	18	5
Half-year's Receipts	941	18	2	Shoolbred & Co.	69	0	6
Interest on Investments	91	16	8	Sims & Co.	13	18	6
Canadian Bonds paid off	200	0	0	Donation to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	52	10	0
Cheque returned paid	2	0	0	Milne Gasalie	8	6	0
				Purchase of Cape of Good Hope 4½ per cent. Bonds, & Brokerage	205	10	0
				Balance at London & Westminster Bank	374	18	6
				Cheque returned	2	0	0
	£1,436	1	11		£1,436	1	11

BENEVOLENT FUND.

To Balance 30th Sept. 1885	£328	3	9	By Grants in Relief	£232	0	0
Half-year's Receipts	134	17	0	Purchase of Cape of Good Hope 4½ per cent. Bonds and Brokerage	616	10	0
Interest on Investments	74	18	6	Transferred to Annuity Fund	200	0	0
Canadian Bonds paid off	600	0	0	Balance at Bank	89	4	3
	£1,137	14	3		£1,137	14	3

EDUCATION FUND.

To Over paid	£3	3	0	By Overdrawn, 30th Sept. 1885	£25	15	7
Interest on Investments	50	0	6	Education Fees	66	5	6
Overdrawn	38	17	7				
	£92	1	1		£92	1	1

ANNUITY FUND.

To Donation Rt. Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M.	£105	0	0	By Balance at London and Westminster Bank (Since Invested)	306	18	8
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	200	0	0				
Interest on Investments	1	18	8				
	£306	18	8		£306	18	8

Audited and approved, this 3rd day of May 1886.

(Signed) CHARLES E. SOPPET, *Auditor.*

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This report was formally adopted, and then, in reply to inquiries made, Bro. F. Binckes stated that though some six months had elapsed since the adoption of the New Constitutions, they were not yet ready for general distribution. There were some elaborate engravings of chains and jewels to be prepared; these had taken a considerable time, much longer than had been anticipated. A few copies had been printed, but the bulk were not complete, nor in a condition to be issued at present. Every Lodge, however, under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge had had a proof. Bro. Strahan could see a copy; in about a fortnight they would be ready for general distribution. The Earl of Kintore then rose: It was his pleasing duty to put forward for election the name of the Grand Master designate, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He thought he might assume that this nomination would be endorsed by the brethren with acclamation. He had to put formally that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be elected Grand Master for the coming year. This having been seconded by Bro. A. F. Godson Prov. G.M.M.M., of Worcestershire, was carried unanimously. The Earl of Kintore added that he had this morning received a letter from the Secretary of his Royal Highness, informing him that in the event of his election the Prince of Wales would present himself for installation on the 1st of July, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. His Royal Highness was then formally proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason.

Bro. James Moon was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and then the Earl of Kintore announced that the Grand Master had appointed Canon Portal, P.G.M.M.M., President of the General Board, and Bros. F. Davison, W. Roebuck, Pearson, A. Williams, R. P. Spice, and T. Cubitt members of the Board. The following brethren were elected on the Board:—Bros. G. Cooper, C. H. Driver, A. F. Godson, R. Loveland Loveland, and John L. Mather.

Several letters of apology for inability to attend having been read, the Earl of Kintore said with respect to the above list he had met Canon Portal that morning, and was shocked to learn that his absence was caused by the melancholy news of the sudden death of his eldest son, in India. He had no details as to the manner of his death. Considering the rank Canon Portal held in Mark Masonry, and the affection in which he was held, he thought it would be the opinion of one and all present that it would be fit, proper, and gratifying to them to pass a vote of condolence with their esteemed brother in his affliction. Bro. Kelly seconded the motion; Canon Portal had been of great service to Mark Masonry ever since he had been in Grand Lodge. As representing Leicestershire, he (Brother Kelly) had a vivid recollection of Canon Portal coming to that Province, and of the great interest he had always taken in the Order. He had endeared himself to the brethren; he need not say one word as to the interest they all took in Canon Portal.

The announcement was made that full particulars as to the installation of the Grand Master would be given. The ceremony would take place in one of the large halls at Freemasons' Tavern.

Bro. Binckes stated he had received an invitation for the Grand Master to hold the Moveable Grand Lodge at Dorset, in 1887. The Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, Provincial Grand Master, was present, and would be happy to address the Grand Master on the subject. In reply, the Earl of Kintore said he should be pleased to hear Bro. Heath, but he would remind him that he was no longer Grand Master. Bro. the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath stated, in the name of the brethren under his rule, that they were unanimous in desiring that the Moveable Grand Lodge of 1887 should be held in their Province. The Earl of Kintore said he should be pleased to make a note of what had been said by Bro. Heath, but it would be for the M.W.G.M. to decide as to the acceptance of the invitation.

Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

At the conclusion of the banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hamp, in the Venetian Salon, the usual toasts were proposed. In speaking of Her Majesty the Queen and Mark Masonry Lord Kintore referred to the universality of the empire embodied under her sway, and compared it with the universality of Mark Masonry. Her Majesty was beloved by her people, and the toast was always loyally received by Masons. Bro. William Kelly proposed the health of the M.W. Grand Mark Master, the Earl of Kintore. He did it with some diffidence, but remembering that good wine needs no bush, his task was rendered easy. He (Bro. Kelly) had held office under every Grand Master in the Mark as yet, and in no instance with greater pleasure than under Lord Kintore. They were sorry to lose him; but they were consoled by the fact that they had H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to succeed him. Lord Kintore, in reply, said the director of music had been good enough to provide a song in connection with the toast, "Good Company;" this he hoped would apply all round. For two years they had been pleased to entrust him with the office of Grand Mark Master, and they had on all occasions greeted him with cordiality. One reason for gratitude on his part had been unknown to them; at the time of his election he was high in office in Scotland, and he thought this significant of the fact that they might consider the hatchet was buried; he hoped so deep as never to be seen again. In both Scottish and English Masonry they should only have one thought—the prosperity of the Order. His term of office had been most gratifying; the Order had increased, and he had drawn from its ranks many friends. He had thought that on the advent of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master he should retire; but it was considered fitting he should remain. Therefore, he would place himself at their disposal for another year, and in the capacity of Pro Grand Master it would give him the utmost pleasure to render all the aid he could to the Mark Degree. The next toast was the M.W. G.M.M. elect, the Prince of Wales; to this the G. Master would add the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. He felt sure they would all do their best to support him loyally when it became his duty to instal his Royal Highness in the chair, his occupancy of which would unquestionably cause Mark Masonry to advance with still greater strides. The toast of the Past Grand Masters was next on the list. The Mark Degree as it at present existed was founded in 1856, through the exertions of those who occupied the position of Past G. Masters. They now numbered 382 Lodges, and their success was mainly due to the zeal of the Grand Masters who had occupied the chair. In this connection he desired to refer especially to their first Grand Master, Canon Portal, whose absence they all so deeply regretted. With the toast of the Grand Officers Present and Past was coupled the names of Bros. Robinson, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, and Colonel Somerville Burney. Brother Rev. T. Robinson thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He especially thanked the Grand Master for the truly Masonic sentiments that had been uttered by him, especially as to his reference to Scotland and the burial of the hatchet. Scotland had been a birthplace and home of Masonry, and the fraternal association at present existing must be gratifying to all English Masons. Colonel Burney remarked that he could speak very feelingly as to the bond of union existing in the Craft. He was initiated in Madras, and had been connected with Masonry in Scotland. He had lately come from the latter country, where he had been greatly interested in the subject of Masons' marks, some curious copies of which had been shown him. Amongst them, several from the ruins of Pompeii most curiously corresponding with emblems well known in Speculative Masonry as at present existing. He would not anticipate the fuller description which his friend Bro. Russel Forbes would shortly submit to the public; but he mentioned the fact as another instance of the universality of Masonry. Bro. Baron De Ferrier, in speaking to the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund, called special attention to the object and need of such a fund. For some years it had modestly relieved distress, and helped the education of children; now the Mark Benevolent Fund had been established, and from the commencement of a few hundreds they were in hopes of seeing it run to thousands. Bro. C. H. Driver responded. Bro. De Ferrier had reminded them of the success of the last year's Festival; he would remind them that their motto must be "Excelsior," and with the accession of the Prince of Wales this year as Grand Master, he looked forward to a marked increase in the amount to be realized at the coming Festival. Bro. Binckes, G. Secretary, proposed the toast of the Visitors. This was a toast never absent from the list, and he hoped it never would be. Their motto was—in addition to loyalty and charity—hospitality. The M.W.G.M. had made touching allusion to the Sovereign. In that assembly the fair rose of England was well represented; the thistle and shamrock had all their representatives, in the persons of the Grand Master, and Colonel Sir Francis Burdett as representative

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of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On the right and left of the Grand Master were two distinguished Masons—Bro. Lord Saltoun and Bro. Duncan Dalrymple; with their names he would couple the toast. Lord Saltoun thanked the Grand Secretary for his very kind remarks. This was the first banquet connected with Mark Masonry he had ever attended, and it had imbued him with the strong desire to do his utmost to bring together the two great bodies of English and Scotch Masons. Bro. Duncan Dalrymple also replied; he had much pleasure in being present. For many years he had taken great interest in Mark Masonry. He deplored the present unsatisfactory state of Mark Masonry in Scotland. Its anomalous position caused it to be looked on only as a preliminary step, and under these circumstances the Mark degree in Scotland had not taken that position to which it was entitled. They hoped that this would shortly be remedied. The result of the Prince of Wales taking the position of Grand Master would cement still further that union between the two Grand Lodges which had been so happily begun. The next toast was in recognition of the Grand Stewards, whose exertions had tended so materially to ensure the success of the meeting. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the parting toast was given. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Edward John Hoare, Grand Organist, who was assisted by Bros. Edwin Moss, Wilford Price, and Edwin Bryant.

PROVINCIAL G. LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, AND DERBYSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., R.W. P.G.M.M.M., supported by Bros. S. S. Partridge P.P.D.G.M. P.G.D. England, Percy Wallis P.G.S.W. G.D. Eng., H. Brown P.G.J.W., S. Cleaver P.G. Treasurer, Clement E. Stretton P.G. Secretary, W. L. Ball P.G.M.O., R. Taylor P.G.S.D., Rev. C. T. Bromwich as P.G. Chap., J. O. Manton P.G. Inspector of Works, J. D. Harris P.G. Dir. of Cers., J. J. Hart. P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., J. R. Cain P.G.S.B., W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., P.G. Organist, J. Harrison as P.G.J.D., W. J. Curtis P.G. Steward, T. Dunn P.G. Tyler, J. Tanser P.G. Tyler, T. Worthington P.P.G.S.W., W. Silver Hall, Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.P.G. Chap., S. A. Marris P.P.G. Reg., J. Young P.P.S.G.W., G. Toller P.P.S.G.W. P.G.D. Eng., Rev. R. C. Faithfull, R. Michie, W. Bream, C. Webster, F. J. Baines, Godell, S. Knight, J. Coltman, Miles J. Walker G. Swd. Bearer Eng., Rev. C. Heaton Wood P.P.G. Chaplain, J. R. Shearsmith, J. G. Murdin, W. T. Dagwell, G. Newsome, J. R. Rigby, J. Chadwick P.G. Secretary Lancs., J. H. Marshall, F. Griffith, J. Fisher Edgar Horne, T. Emery, &c. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, and was received in due form. The roll of Officers and Lodges was called, and duly responded to. The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge meeting, held at Derby, on 11th May 1885, were received, confirmed and signed. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes was read, confirmed and signed. It showed the Lodges in the Province to be in a satisfactory condition. The report of the Provincial Grand Registrar showed a gain in numbers. The P.G. Treasurer then presented an abstract of his accounts for the past year, which showed a good balance in hand. The accounts were approved and adopted, and the best thanks of the P.G. Lodge given to the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Cleaver, for his services. Bro. Cleaver was re-elected P.G. Treasurer. The R.W. P.G.M.M.M. then delivered the following address:—

BRETHREN OF THE MARK PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,—The whirligig of time, in its rapid gyrations, has again brought us to the usual period of our annual assembly, and with it the 28th anniversary of my rule over the Mark Degree in Leicestershire. Before proceeding to notice the events which have taken place in our own Province, I cannot refrain from mentioning that at the meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge of England on Tuesday next (at which I hope to be present) H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is to be elected Grand Master of the Degree, which cannot fail (flourishing as it is at present) very greatly to enhance its prestige, and still more rapid progress and popularity. But to come to home matters. Since our last annual meeting, at Derby, the Degree has been steadily progressing with us, the chief event being the founding of a Fourth Mark Lodge in Derbyshire—"The Dove Valley Lodge," at Ashbourne—consecrated very shortly after we last met. In Northants the most noteworthy event has been the recent advancement in the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, of the W. Bro. Butler Wilkins, Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, the highly esteemed Deputy (and in reality the acting) Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Norths and Hunts. Many of the older members of the Craft in different towns of that Province have hitherto stood aloof from Mark Masonry; but, doubtless, the accession to its ranks of so popular and distinguished a Past Grand Officer as Bro. Butler Wilkins will have a great effect in making the Mark Degree more popular in that Craft Province. With respect to Leicestershire, the only noticeable event to record has been that the Howe Lodge, No. 21, which since the year 1868 has met at Melton Mowbray, having members resident in those towns, has been authorised by the Grand Lodge to hold its meetings also at Market Harborough and Oakham, each in turn. By this arrangement the County of Rutland has been brought into the Mark, as it has long been under the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Craft. This leads me to remark that the seal, which has long been in use in the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, as it still is, is quite inappropriate heraldically, and is quite unworthy of the present Province, having on it the arms of the Masons' Company of London, in use before the Union of 1813, and having only Leicestershire upon it. It was formerly an old silver seal of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, which, after being lost for many years, and the present seal substituted for it, was altered to suit its present purpose. I have been in communication with the Grand Mark Secretary on the subject of a proper seal, and it has been suggested that, as the County of Rutland has been just brought into this Province we should adopt the arms of Leicestershire, Northants, Derbyshire and Rutland in a Keystone quarterly, surrounded by the names of the four counties. This would be a very appropriate design, and if the assembled brethren agree in this view I should be very happy to superintend its being carried into effect. Turning to the abstract of the Treasurer's account, it will be seen that beginning the year with a balance in hand of £43 0s 1d, after paying the ordinary expenses, and in addition a grant of £10 10s to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and £4 4s for the very handsome state sword, used to-day officially for the first time, we end the year according to the account, as audited, with a balance of £48 6s 10d, but which has since been increased to £56 8s 10d, by the receipt of fees in arrear. The Registrar's Report shows an increase during the year ending 31st December 1885 of twenty-five members. Hitherto the work embodied in what is nominally termed the Provincial Grand Registrar's Report has really been one by the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Provincial Grand Registrar having merely signed his name to the Certificates of Appointments. Bro. Stretton, who during the years which have elapsed since the death of our lamented Bro. McAllister, has so efficiently discharged the duties of these two Offices, now, by the pressure of professional engagements, feels compelled to retire, much to the loss of the Province; but he has suggested that for the future each of these two Officers should perform the duties of his office. I have accordingly arranged that for the future the Provincial Grand Registrar shall keep the register, receive the returns of the Lodges, and do all the work of his office, and thus relieve the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose duties of late years have of course greatly increased. The thanks of the Province are justly due to Bro. Stretton for his valuable services. The only way in which I can mark my high appreciation of them is by appointing him to the office of Provincial Grand Senior Warden for the ensuing year. With regard to the highest office in my gift, that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, held for the past three years by W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sanders, as representing Northamptonshire, I have now a few observations to make. In the County of Derby, as remarked in my address of last year, the Mark Degree has spread so rapidly that it already has four Lodges (as many as the old Province itself), with the probability of a fifth Lodge being founded very shortly at Ilkeston. With every desire on my part to do my duty as the ruler of my Province by visiting as many of the Lodges as possible, I now find that, from my advanced age and somewhat impaired health, it is beyond my power to do so much in this way as I formerly did, and could wish to do so still. I therefore feel it due to the Derbyshire brethren, so long as they may honour me by remaining under my rule as a constituent part of this Province, that they should have an efficient and respected Past Master of their own as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to take a general supervision of, and to pay those visits to their Lodges which I should be pleased and feel bound to do if I were able. The Past Master whom I have selected for this honourable and important office is our W. Bro. Thomas Cox, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden, P.M. of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, and who, I believe, was the first Brother advanced to the Mark Degree in Derbyshire. I will now request the two Provincial Grand Deacons to conduct our Bro. Cox to the front of the pedestal, and the Provincial Grand Secretary to read his patent of appointment.

Bro. Cox was then conducted to the East, and his Patent of appointment having been read, he was duly obligated, installed and saluted as D.G.P.M.M.M. The Officers for the year were then appointed and invested by the R.W. P.G.M. as follows:—

Bro. Clement Stretton	-	Senior Warden
W. L. Ball	-	Junior Warden
J. J. Hart	-	M.O.
J. C. Manton	-	S.O.
W. J. Freen	-	J.O.
Rev. C. J. Bromwich, M.A.	-	Chaplains
Rev. R. C. Faithfull, M.A.	-	Chaplains
G. Cleaver	-	Treasurer
S. A. Marris	-	Registrar
Miles J. Walker	-	Secretary
S. R. Cain	-	Senior Deacon
J. Howell	-	Junior Deacon
G. H. Percival	-	Superintendent of Works
J. H. Harris	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. R. Rigby	-	Assistant Director of Cer.

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Edgar Horne	- - -	Standard Bearer
W. L. Dodd	- - -	Organist
W. Bream	- - -	Stewards
T. Emery	- - -	
D. E. Harrison	- - -	
J. Fisher	- - -	
J. Tanser	- - -	Tylers
W. Stone	- - -	

It was then proposed and carried by acclamation that R.W. Bro. W. Kelly be re-elected Prov. G. Master for the ensuing three years. A Committee having been formed to revise the Bye-laws, and the sum of £5 5s voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed. The brethren then dined together, under the presidency of the R.W. P.G.M.M.M.

A YEAR OF LIFE-BOAT WORK.

THE Sixty-second Annual Report of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution has just been issued, from which it appears that, although during the past year, there was a slight falling off in the receipts in some directions, owing to the badness of the times, the Committee were yet, as a whole, able to hold their own, and to carry on the great work committed to them with even increased activity. Notwithstanding the unusual absence of continued violent gales, hundreds of valuable lives were rescued by the Life-boats, and many a family thereby saved from desolation and ruin.

Between the 1st January and the 31st December, 30 new Life-boats were sent to the coast, nearly all of which were furnished with transporting carriages. 28 of these boats were fitted with water ballast-tanks and other improvements, and numerous reports have been received from stations where they were placed, stating that the old boats were not to be compared with them. The sliding-keel boat sent to Clacton last spring has given the greatest satisfaction to the crew and fully realised the expectations which had been formed as to its efficiency. Besides the new boats which were stationed, several old ones were improved, or replaced by partially used boats refitted.

During the year new Stations were established at The Lizard, Southend, Totland Bay, Montrose, Cloughey Bay, and Peel, and others are in the course of formation. New boats to take the place of old ones withdrawn were also despatched to Appledore, Barmouth Blackpool, Bridlington, Brixham, Clacton, Ferryside, Fishguard, Llanddulas, Llanddwyn, Newbiggin, Plymouth, St. David's, Selsey, Sidmouth, Silloth, Tonby, Ballywater, Blackrock, Courtmacsherry, Drogheda, Groomsport, Youghal, and Castletown, Isle of Man.

At the close of 1885 the number of Life-boats under the management of the Committee was 290, through the instrumentality of which 371 lives were saved during the year, besides 20 vessels. Rewards were also granted by the Institution for the rescue, by shore-boats, of 184 other persons, making a grand total of 555 lives rescued within the year by means of the Society.

In 1885 the Life-boats were launched on service 190 times, and about 760 times for inspection and exercise, and the Committee state with the greatest thankfulness and satisfaction that there was not a single fatal accident, nor indeed a serious accident of any description connected with the service. The Institution has granted rewards since its establishment in 1824, for the saving of 31,910 lives, a fact which should alone be sufficient to secure proper support for maintaining the great work of the Society.

Two silver medals, one binocular glass, seven votes of thanks on vellum, and £3,644 in cash were awarded by the Committee in 1885 for the saving of life. The total expenditure for the year on the Life-boat service was £52,649, while the receipts in subscriptions, donations, and dividends amounted to £47,035 only. All the items of receipts and expenditure are detailed as usual, and have been audited by Mr. Lovelock, Chartered Accountant.

Throughout the year there was a steady demand for the invaluable aneroids supplied by the Institution at a very low price to fishing vessels and small coasters, showing how much the liberality of the Committee in this matter is appreciated by those whom it is intended to benefit. Altogether 2,238 of these instruments have been distributed since 1882.

The valuable help given by the Branch Committees and their Honorary Officials, the Press, the Coastguard and the Customs, is gratefully acknowledged, as are also some liberal contributions to the funds of the Institution.

In conclusion, the Committee make a strong appeal to the British Public for pecuniary help to enable them to carry on their most responsible work, and they ask more particularly for annual subscriptions. The services which have been rendered in the past and are now being rendered by the Life-boat Institution are of national importance, and the Committee express their belief that, in view of these services, the work will not be allowed to languish for want of funds to properly sustain it.

Messrs. Dean and Son, 160A Fleet-street, E.C., are about to issue a complete guide to those desirous of becoming sailor; and to parents, guardians, &c, with regard to placing their boys in the Royal Navy and Merchant Service. This really practical treatise will be entitled "The Sea as a Profession," and is from the pen of Mr. P. H. Hemyng, R.N.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Criterion.—Once more Mr. Charles Wyndham has made his appearance at the Criterion, but this time in a play that was originally produced at Covent Garden Theatre, in 1791. Mr. Wyndham has appeared in "Wild Oats" before, at the Royalty in 1873, when he played Rover to Miss Henrietta Hodson's Lady Amaranth. The management has selected an exceptionally good company, and all do credit to their parts. Mr. Wyndham's Rover is as gay and mirthful a piece of comedy acting as may be wished for; and in the words of Lady Amaranth he is "of a happy disposition." Happily this gentleman avoids the constant use of the word "quotation" at the end of the poetical selections which he makes use of, and with such effect that he carries his audience with him. We welcome to these boards Mr. David James, who here is in his element. His "John Dory" was farcical comedy of an old type exactly. He is the rough sea dog to the life, breezy, but never boisterous. As Sir George Thunder Mr. Edward Righton was capital; while equal praise should be given the Ephraim Smooth of Mr. William Blakeley. The last-named gentleman makes his part as droll as it well can be. Mr. W. E. Gregory was good as Harry Thunder; and the part of Sim was well realized by Mr. George Giddins, who made this rustic lout very amusing. The sweet manner in which Miss Mary Moore portrayed the part of the Quakeress was so natural that she entirely won the favour of her audience. It is a pleasant surprise to witness an actress almost unknown show to such advantage. Miss Annie Hughes was very amusing as Jane; but she would do better if she were not quite so boisterous; while Amelia was feelingly played by Miss Ffolliott Paget. "Wild Oats," although somewhat off the regular lines of this theatre, will, we feel sure, draw good audiences for some time to come.

Opera Comique.—The laughing festival "Our Strategists," a modern comedy of errors, written and acted "Just for Fun," is the title of the piece which Morton and Bell's American Comedy Company have commenced their performances in London with. Although "Our Strategists" has been running continuously in America for the past seven years, we scarcely think it will become popular in this country. Anything more dreary or tame has not been presented on the London stage for a long time. The laughter depresses where it should elate, and by the time the piece is over the audience have had "enough" of "The Laughing Festival." If the pruning knife were used, and the piece allowed to run for about an hour and a-half, instead of two hours and a-half, it might be made into something. The authors try to get fun out of a juvenile lover, who first disguises himself as his own father, and after as his father-in-law, in his endeavours to secure the girl he loves. The probability of being discovered is altogether lost sight of, while the persons imposed on, without an exception, fall into the trap thus clumsily laid. Mr. Henry B. Bell impersonates the "quick-change" lover creditably, and he is fairly well supported by Miss Katie Gilbert. No good purpose will be served by speaking of the others engaged. We advise the management to change its programme at once; the present one will, we fear, result in bitter failure.

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	p.m.				
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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon presided at the Quarterly Communication held on Wednesday. We gave the agenda paper in full last week, and it will therefore only be necessary for us to give a *résumé* of the business transacted. The Earl of Carnarvon was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, who acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre P.G.W. as Grand Senior Warden, and the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as Grand Junior Warden, Revs. J. N. Palmer and W. Mortimer Heath Grand Chaplains, D. P. Cama Grand Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, E. E. Wendt Grand Secretary German Correspondence, Sir Bruce M. Seaton and Samuel Pope Grand Senior Deacons, Ralph Clutton and J. E. Le Feuvre Grand Junior Deacons, Sir Albert Woods Grand D. of C., R. G. Glover Deputy Grand D. of C., H. T. Wood Asst. G. D. of C., W. Roebuck Grand S.B., W. Parratt Grand Organist, A. Lucking Grand Pursuivant, W. H. Perryman Grand Assistant Pursuivant. There were also present Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson P.G.W. P.G.M. Durham, Lord Harlech P.G.M. North Wales, Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. Devonshire, William Kelly P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, Arthur M. Saunders D.G.M. Madras, Hugh D. Sandeman D.P.G.M. Bengal, Lieut.-Colonel A. Saunders P.D.G.M. Madras; Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, J. Studholme Brownrigg, J. E. Cox, T. Cochrane Past Grand Chaplains; John Derby Allcroft and Horace Brooks Marshall Past Grand Treasurers; Glasier, Hughan, Frank Richardson, Captain Philips, P. de Lande Long, Rucker, Jabez Hogg, Gumbleton, H. J. P. Dumas, Clark, H. Somerville Barney, Grey, Letchworth, Stewart, Gooding, Baron de Ferrier, Costa, Case, Peirce Past Grand Deacons; Pigott, Thrupp, Major Harding, C. C. Dumas Past Grand Asst. D.C.'s; Lieut.-Colonel Peters, Major G. Lambert, Dr. Woodman, Bowyer, Matthews Past Grand Sword and Standard Bearers; Dr. Lott Past G. Organist; Brotte, Cottebrune, Foxall, Littell, Cubitt, and Garrod Past Grand Pursuivants, with a large muster of other brethren. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the papers for the election of the Board of General Purposes were distributed, and Scrutineers of votes were nominated, Brother Robert Grey being appointed Chairman. After the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March and of Grand Festival had been read and confirmed, the Rev. J. N. Palmer, M.A., who was unable to be present at the Grand Festival, was invested; the Earl of Carnarvon remarking it was a pleasing duty to place the Grand Chaplain's collar on. Although he was not connected Masonically with the Province from which Bro. Palmer came, it was one for which he entertained feelings of the greatest respect and affection. The recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed. The Earl of Carnarvon next announced that the Grand Master had been pleased to appoint Bro. Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. Bro. Knyvett P.G. Steward proposed Bro. John Smith, P.M. of the Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491, as Grand Lodge Auditor. Bro. Smith was a partner in the firm of Harding and Co., who had now for 27 years ably and well fulfilled the duties of Auditors to Grand Lodge. The motion was duly seconded and agreed to nem con. The result of the election for members on the Colonial Board resulted as under :—

Tom Drew Bear	1584
James Brett	177
Lieut.-Col. George Haldane	1615
Thomas Charles Walls	1381
Alfred Cooper	1591
Thomas W. Whitmarsh	1150
Albert Escott	1593

The following Brethren were elected as the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons :—

Samuel Brooks	1608
Charles Alexander Cottebrune	733
John E. Dawson	404
Capt. Alfred Durrant	569
Albert Fish	1366
Thomas Mount Humphries	539
William J. Murlis	1642
Alfred H. Tattershall	140
Japheth Tickle	1702
Hugh Cotter	554

The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted. Before closing Grand Lodge the Earl of Carnarvon said as the Scrutineers of votes had not yet made their returns, he would receive their report in his private room. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form. The following is the list of brethren elected as members of the Board of General Purposes :—

John Lawrence Mather	1471
Charles Belton	165
James Terry	228
Robert Clay Sudlow	263
Thomas Charles Walls	1381
William Alfred Scurrah	2048
John S. Cumberland	2128
William A. Dawson	1768
George F. Marshall	69
Charles Frederick Hogard	205
Richard Coleman Hallowes	33
John R. Clipperton	66
Eugene Montbuuis	2060

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A MEETING was held on Monday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Companion W. Littaur M.E.Z. took the chair punctually at 5.30. The Chapter was opened in ancient style, when the M.E.Z. was assisted by the following Officers: Comps. Da Silva H., J. W. Dewsnap J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. M. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Liebman 1st Assistant, John Gartley 2nd Assistant. Several other Companions were present. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The election of the principal Officers for the ensuing 12 months took place. Comp. Lewis Lazarus P.Z. was re-elected M.E.Z.; other Officers were advanced according to their previous position. It was proposed by Comp. J. Lazarus and seconded by Comp. S. Jacobs P.Z. that a sum should be voted for a jewel to the M.E.Z., for the excellent and able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his honourable office for the last twelve months; this was unanimously agreed to. On account of important matters which occupied the Chapter for the greater part of the evening, other business had to be postponed until next meeting. The Chapter was closed in due form. Afterwards the Companions adjourned to Comp. S. Jacob's establishment, 201 Bishopsgate-street-without, where an excellent repast was provided at short notice.

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R.M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WITH respect to the recent Election for the benefits of this Institution; we give the names of those candidates who were unsuccessful in the contest, with the number of votes polled by each. These will be placed to their credit should they again offer themselves as candidates.

MALES.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
17	Monday, William			1006
3	Harper, Francis	241	702	943
23	Smith, John			943
14	Hackforth, Henry	257	639	896
51	Willcocks, William Angel			869
5	Allies, Frederick	500	221	721
57	Bennett, William			687
34	Perrott, John William			624
18	Rowe, John	53	471	524
53	Vass, John			487
20	Page, Alfred Warren			372
48	Mole, Alexander			364
12	Fry, Henry Robert	15	183	198
1	Sarl, Charles	75	104	179
40	Taylor, John Daniel			136
52	Wharton, Henry			124
8	Nichol, Robert	94	—	94
10	McLean, William John	50	37	87
9	Nixon, William	37	11	48
4	Musham, John	8	22	30
7	Leigh, Charles	20	4	24
19	O'Kelly, William			24
11	Hogg, Henry Leggott	9	3	12
50	Somerton, William			9
28	Dale, Joseph Barker			3
16	Laskey, Joseph John			2
42	Olive, Michael			2
44	Riddell, William			2
54	Cox, William Henry			1
35	Bray, Samuel			—
45	Marshall, John			—

FEMALES.

32	Shurry, Maria	589	1632	2211
14	Cook, Elizabeth Ann	8	2109	2117
13	Leaver, Jane	1218	876	2093
56	Langley, Elizabeth Mary			2051
61	Gibson, Emma			1831
70	Holder, Mary			1644
31	Taylor, Mary Ann	409	1202	1611
11	Townsend, Jane Mary	671	287	958
46	Andrew, Harriet	257	701	958
57	Butcher, Eliza Ann			938
62	Harper, Eliza Lydia			898
53	Hart, Caroline Lydia			828
51	Bird, Mary Ann			819
63	Brown, Mary Ann			707
30	Bennett, Mary Ann	41	640	681
1	Bowell, Margaret	441	178	619
18	Dann, Elizabeth Caroline	290	310	600
68	Tubby, Jane			580
29	Coles, Emma	216	241	457
55	Ellis, Jerusha			342
8	Timms, Susan	305	33	338
59	Page, Arabella			324
34	Lloyd, Annie	2	312	314
10	Heppel, Mary	172	120	292
15	Cooley, Elizabeth L.	225	50	275
28	White, Mary	6	243	249
66	Themans, Minca Amelia			232
35	Haskins, Emile E.	75	115	190
42	Wardale, Rachel	135	8	143
60	Russell, Olivia			132
9	Lovelock, Louisa	65	57	122
24	Percy, Mary	40	69	109
23	Ford, Mary Ann	33	64	97
25	Mannington, Elizabeth Atkinson	94	—	94
33	Vile, Maria	31	53	84
67	Thomas, Elizabeth			82
43	Baker, Anne E.	15	64	79
20	Jackson, Elizabeth Reynolds	54	18	72
41	Buss, Sarah	22	48	70
71	Godbold, Mary Ann			64
16	Redman, Mary	28	20	48
58	Edwards, Maria Sophia			46
7	Parker, Annie	20	15	35
2	Copeland, Charlotte	17	9	26
4	Rigalsford, Sarah	16	7	23
45	Weston, Julia	13	10	23
12	Greenwood, Helen	8	10	18
65	Spencer, Emma			12
17	Salisbury, Jane	1	7	8
48	Manson, Mary Brice			8
44	Chapman, Charlotte		5	5
50	Redfearn, Elizabeth			4
49	Foot, Mary Ann			2
69	Taylor, Jane			1
39	Oates, Elizabeth		—	—
40	Hartley, Isabella		—	—
54	Ionn, Elizabeth			—
64	Morton, Sarah			—

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

Ye Old Cheshire Cheese. Traits and Stories originally edited by the late Thos. Wilson Reid, but now revised and enlarged. London: C. Moore, 145 Fleet-street, E.C.

THE praises of Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, one of the most antiquated, and yet the most favourite, resorts in the city of London, have been sung by historians and poets through the whole of the last century, and quaint stories have been handed down to us of scenes and incidents that have from time to time been enacted within the age-begrimed walls of this historic "chop-house." These were collated and strung together in the form of a handbook some years ago, by the late Mr. Wilson Reid, a well-known figure in journalism who has been gathered to his rest; they have now assumed a more complete and comprehensive shape, through the exertions of the late Bro. Beaufoy A. Moore, whose demise was recorded in our columns a few months since. As proprietor of the "Cheese," actively superintending for many years the interior economy of that trysting place of the most eminent men of the Press, the Bar, and other professions in Fleet-street, Bro. Moore had ample opportunity of "takin' notes" of the interesting episodes which are constantly taking place there; and the "traits" are now presented to us in chatty and homely phraseology which cannot fail to entertain even the casual reader. In these days of progress, when the links connecting us with the by-gone history of Old London are being snapped one by one, and once familiar landmarks are being improved off the face of the City by modern innovations, it is refreshing to be able to sit down and con over the sayings and doings of eminent men who have left "foot-prints on the sands of Time," and whose names are immortalised in literature and song. This little volume brings us tête-à-tête with such sturdy intellects as those of rare Ben Jonson, Boswell, Reynolds, Goldsmith, Burke, and a host of other "men of the time," who in their periods of leisure sought ease and refreshment at "The Cheese," and set the tables often in a roar with their pungent criticisms and flights of mirth and satire. The halo of departed greatness still sits upon the ancient tavern, whose precincts have not yet been invaded by the modern builder and decorator—or rather desecrator; and it is to be hoped for the sake of the happy associations that cluster round the spot that they will long continue to be barricaded out. The charm that clings around the old "Cheese" would be dispelled the moment the stiff-backed "settles" and old-fashioned tables were removed, the sanded floors obscured by carpet, or the "peculiarities" of the cosy interior even in the slightest degree molested. It is because "The Cheese" retains its own historic stamp that legal, literary and professional men "most do congregate" there, and linger about its precincts with a sense of homeliness which attaches to no other hotel or restaurant in the City. Strange as may be the tales of old fogies who have reminiscences of "The Cheese" for half a century or more, the traits so racily portrayed in the little volume before us carry back the history of ye olde tavern to still more interesting periods, when Shakspeare was a frequent looker-in, as he wended his way to, or returned from, the Blackfriars Theatre in Playhouse-yard; when "Charles II. ate a chop here with Nell Gwynne; while you can now have pointed out to you the seats used by Dr. Samuel Johnson, Oliver Goldsmith, even to the marks on the wainscotted walls made by their greased wigs; the corner where the author of "Pendennis" and the "Newcomes" sat; or where Charles Dickens, Mark Lemon, Shirley Brooks, Douglas Jerrold, John Leech, and a host of others enjoyed their 'arf-and-'arf and toasted cheese. These recollections impart a flavour to the quaint old rendezvous such as cannot possibly be acquired by any modern tavern or restaurant, however gaudy and glittering may be their internal embellishments; for like old paintings and old wine "The Cheese" improves by keeping. Long may the modulated sun-rays gleam in through the ancient lights upon the dingy floors and walls, whose presence has been lit up by the most famous men of letters whose names are emblazoned on the history they helped to make; and may the savour of the toothsome viands, familiar to *habitués* of the Cheese as "muts" and "kids" and "sos," steaks and shalots, and the glorious rump steak and kidney pie—*dolce far niente* of the princes of diners—ever hover around the sacred portals of the uninviting-looking chop-house in Wine Office-court. It is not our province to recapitulate the versatile "stories" which have been strung together, like so many literary beads, in the late Bro. Moore's collection: they must be read to be appreciated. And, if we detect a certain amount of repetition, amounting almost to plagiarism, in the testimony bequeathed to us by home-chroniclers and visitors from America and the Continent, we scarcely see how the reiteration could have been avoided. All agree, however, that the steaks served up at the "Cheese" are *not* "bits of fried cork," the ale supplied does *not* painfully remind you of the "washings of brewers' aprons;" and that they have never yet got a bad article in the way of food, from a sausage to a rump-steak pudding, or in drink from a half-pint of porter to a bottle of Périnet et Fils, from a glass of bitter to a beaker of Marcobrünner. At a period when City tradesmen for the most part lived on their places of business our old taverns were the scenes of merry nights passed, when there was no "thought of care or woe," and when the guests "blew their clouds" amidst a running fire of mirth and genial conversation. One writer says:—

"There is a similar character pertaining to all these haunts—an antique room with a sawdust floor, and adorned with a smoke-discoloured paper, which, if removed at any time with a view towards beautifying the apartment, has invariably injured the business of the house, and driven away the Mooners. Some have faded curtains between the feeding stalls: and on the mantelpiece, before the old looking-glass, may possibly be placed two tumblers full of wooden pipe-lights—*allumettes* is the more refined term—and a pewter ink-

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stand, containing a black, dry coagulum, which was once ink, and a nibless pen. There is a clock that ticks with a solemn and subdued beat, and a weather-glass of grave aspect, celebrated for its inverse predictions of coming change. Even the flys that linger about these localities have an antique air; they are evidently not of the same race that bustle about Verrey's windows among the cakes and bonbons; but these march about the table amidst the crumbs with an important gravity, induced by their having used the house a long time, and thus established themselves upon terms of the most intimate familiarity with the frequenters."

The celebrated old waiter at the "Cheese" forms the text of many a well-told tale, and a disquisition on tavern waiters and their idiosyncrasies generally; while the subject is handled in a way calculated to provoke many a smile. In the run of the pages of this work we also come across some curious folk-lore, which is dished up in almost as savoury a fashion as the immortal rump-steak pudding itself; whilst the stranger will be agreeably introduced to the "guardian nymphs of the lemons and lumps of sugar," who manipulate so dexterously and so palatably the "Cork" and "Rack," which being interpreted means the finest of Irish whisky and English gin. Visions are conjured up of jolly, rubicund guests of bygone times, the unique bets made by *bon vivants* whose names are left upon the club rolls of the "Cheese;" the adventures of those who underestimated occasionally the potency of the good old port or the spirits purveyed; and the roysterings of the hail-fellows well met who beguiled their leisure hours in this "sort of dark den," with its "grimed windows," but whose interior is the "essence of snugness and cosiness," and of hospitality peculiarly its own. The grill is still heard hissing in some back region, where the chop or small steak is being prepared; and here the flavour and treatment of the chop and "small dinner steak" are quite different from those newer and more pretentious grills that have since sprung up. The "Cheese" has still its *habitués*; and on Saturday there is the famous rump-steak pudding, which draws a large attendance, for it is considered that you may search the wide world round without matching that succulent delicacy. Although we miss the genial form and face of our late Brother Beaufoy, whose prerogative it was to preside over this *chef d'œuvre* of the culinary art; yet his place is filled by a worthy scion of the race, and the company, if not so garrulous or so boisterous as of yore, is still permeated by a sense of deep and affectionate loyalty to the "old shop." The "traits and stories" are embellished with portrait sketches from the pen of W. A. Allen, and interleaved with snatches of poetry and epigrams, the impromptu effusions of gifted men who in earlier times have left their imprint upon one of the oldest resorts of hospitality and conviviality in London. The book is altogether one over which a pleasant hour may be expended, especially by those who have a taste for antiquated lore, such as is only to be found in the history of tavern life in the greatest city of the world.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, MAIDENHEAD, No. 795.

THE first meeting this year was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, on the 19th ult. Present: Bros. John Greenfield W.M., E. W. Allen S.W., F. Foxley J.W., E. J. Withers S.D., J. Cutbill I.G., J. Finch Treasurer, C. Dearing Assist. Secretary, J. Soper P.M. 1769, W. Deacon, G. Waterhouse, W. Fenton, and others. Visitors—Andrews P.M., and R. Garner I.G. 1602. A. Sheppard Tyler. Lodge having been opened in due form, with solemn prayer, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for the election of Bro. William Francis Hurling, Rose of Denmark, 975, as a joining member, and declared unanimous in his favour. The W.M. then addressed the Lodge on the said loss it had sustained in the removal by death of P.M. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W., and P.M. J.R. Foulger P.M. 177, 795, 1613. The former, he stated, had been the Secretary of the Lodge for a quarter of a century, and had faithfully discharged his duties. The latter had proved himself in every way a worthy brother, and it was out of respect for their memory that the Lodge had been draped, and the members appeared in full mourning. Bro. E. W. Allen S.W. then moved a vote of sympathy, in very feeling terms, which was seconded by Bro. Foxley J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. reported that he had had the honour of representing the Lodge as Steward for the Girls' Institution, and that a considerable sum would be added to its funds as the result of the contributions of members of the Lodge, two of the Initiates, viz. Bros. Waterhouse and Fenton, having contributed most liberally. In addition to the loss of the two P.M.'s the lodge had to regret the decease of Bro. host Deacon's much respected wife, and for him and his family deep sympathy was expressed. Brother Garner, I.G. 1602, was proposed as a joining member. The Lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to a plain dinner. The principal toasts were given, and the brethren returned to town by an early train.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR Lodge meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Richard C. Prickett W.M., J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., W. Ravenscroft S.W., H. Creed J.W., J. T. Stratcoun Treasurer, Frederick Brown acting Secretary, B. W. Bennett acting S.D., W. Hickie J.D., C. Slaughter I.G., J. Sparrow Steward, P.M's R. C. Hurley, W. G. Flanagan, E. J. Blackwell, and E. Margrett. Bros. Henry D. Jones, W. E. Parkes, S. Knight, G. S. Smallwood. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Permanent Committee in reference to Bro. Hickie's motion was received, and a discussion thereon was adjourned; P.M. Palley's motion, in reference to P.M. Freeman's son, was adopted. The Ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Eli Hodder, and he was declared to be elected, as a candidate for Freemasonry. After the usual ceremonies the Lodge was closed and adjourned till the 2nd Wednesday in October.

Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287.—Held at Bro. Pellatt's, the Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Thursday, 3rd inst. This well-appointed Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. P.M. W. Cleghorn Preceptor. Present—Bros. Hill W.M., Paul S.W., Rowe J.W., Cane S.D., Reed P.M. J.D., Bell I.G.; also Bros. P.M.'s Kempton and T. E. Bathard, and Bro. Ridout, &c. &c. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; 1st section was worked by Bro. Paul. The ceremony of initiation was next rehearsed, Bro. Ridout candidate. The S.W. Bro. Paul was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was resolved unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Hill for having occupied the chair for the first time, he having conducted the business of the evening in a most efficient and masterly manner. To this Bro. Hill ably responded, thanking the brethren for their kind attention and assistance to so young a Mason. Bro. P.M. Bathard, in a few well-chosen words, moved the following resolution:—"That the members of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction desire to express their sincere and fraternal sympathy with Bro. P.M. Thomas Owen in the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife, and to assure him of their deep and brotherly affection in his hour of trial." Bro. P.M. Reed, in seconding the resolution, expressed in feeling terms the sympathy of the brethren to one so popular as Bro. Owen. Bro. Richard Cane, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, also supported the resolution. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—At the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, on Thursday, Bros. Child W.M., Chatwin S.W., Wood J.W., Austin S.D., Perdue J.D., Cross I.G., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, J. Davies Preceptor, Spiegel P.M., Curtis, Marsh, Breitbart, Cavers, Dopson, Sims, P.M. Craigg, W. Williams, P. Barton, Rolston, Mander, Wadken, Wittle, Head, W. W. Williams, Fortescue, &c. After preliminaries, the 1st section was worked by Bro. J. Davies, the 2nd and 6th section, by the W.M., and the 7th by Bro. Davies. Bros. Fortescue, Williams and Curtis, 834, and Breitbart, 1828, were elected members. Bro. Chatwin was elected W.M. for the next week. Bro. Spiegel P.M. proposed that the brethren tender their sincere congratulations to Bro. Chalfont P.M. on his son's coming of age. This was unanimously supported, and carried. A distressed brother was relieved with the sum of 5s from Lodge funds, and a "whip round" from the members present. Lodge was then closed.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012. — On Saturday, 29th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present—Bros. George Gardner W.M., H. F. Williams S.W., Chas. Dobson J.W., George Gardner Treasurer, Wm. Johnson Secretary, A. Williams S.D., V. Wing J.D., G. Brown I.G., P.M.'s Bros. E. Ayling Preceptor, Sims, Purdue, Spiegel; also Bros. Davis W. W. Williams, Woods, Craggs, Furze. Lodge opened in the third degree and resumed to the second. Questions were answered by Bro. Woods, and the third ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Davis, assisted by Bro. Woods, worked the second section, and Bro. Preceptor Ayling, asisted by Bro. Wing, the third section of the lecture. Lodge closed in perfect harmony, the brethren singing the National Anthem in commemoration of Her Majesty's birthday. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here on Monday, 7th June. Lodge will be opened at 6.45 p.m.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At a special meeting of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, to be held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Monday, 7th June, at 6·45. 1st Lecture—Bros. Williams, De Costa, Dopson, Moss, Davis, Child, and Sims. Second Lecture—Bros. Brown, Williams, Spiegel, Westley, and Craggs, Third Lecture—Bros. Perdue, Wood, and Wing,

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will take place to-day (Saturday). Lodge will be opened at the Town Hall, Twickenham, at three o'clock.

Saturday, the 26th instant, is the date fixed for the Distribution of Prizes, and Fête Day, at the Schools of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

We have been requested to announce that there will be no meeting of the Langton Lodge of Insturction on Thursday next, the 10th inst.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, Wounds, Ulcerations and other diseases affecting the skin, are capable of speedy amendment by this cooling and healing Ointment, which has called forth the loudest praise from persons who had suffered for years from bad legs, bad breasts, piles, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever Holloway's Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy for all such complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 5th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai 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

Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Town Hall, Twickenham
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
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
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 7th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1685—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
1199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
881—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1106—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 8th 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)
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—Rinelagh, Criterion, W.
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)
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)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horn of Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Tresidero, 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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

83—Social, 23 St. Giles-Street, Norwich
134—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
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, Liverpool

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 9th 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—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
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1620—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.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
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
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1019—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
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1552—Llandloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandloes
1663—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent

R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 459—Meridah, Grapes Inn, Stonecough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Backpool
R.A. 709—Juvicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 10th JUNE.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Sandbury, 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, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warmton St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pleasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell

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1378—Burpett 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—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1596—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7 30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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, Shephords Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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)
R.C. 43—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.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
205—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
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
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, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1096—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.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—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
1439—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1585—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 11th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
507—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)
983—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1396—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1565—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. 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.
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
442—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
536—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
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 12th JUNE.

176—Cavesc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1938—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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THE MASONIC PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

IN many ways the town of Leicester might be held up as a pattern worthy of imitation, from a Masonic point of view, by others, for although there may be some which equal it in the thoroughness of their Masonic arrangements, there are few which excel, or which enter more heartily into the true spirit of Freemasonry than does this busy Midland town. For several years past it has had in its midst men who have made a name for themselves, not only in the immediate neighbourhood, but wherever English Masonry is practised, and while they have devoted themselves to subjects of general interest they have not forgotten the district nearer home. The result is that Leicester now enjoys many Masonic comforts which other towns of equal size have not yet even dreamed of, while it is far in advance of others which might be expected to do more than it is capable of. With such a town in its midst, the Masonic district of Leicestershire may be expected to make a good show among its neighbours, and a brief perusal of the details given in the Calendar and Directory of the Province for the current year will, we think, prove it quite capable of holding its own.

In Craft Masonry the Province has at its head the Rt. Hon. the Earl Ferrers, who is supported by Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., Past Prov. G.M.; Bro. Samuel S. Partridge D.P.G.M., and the usual array of Provincial Grand Officers. There are twelve Lodges under the rule of his Lordship, with a total membership (as given by this year's Calendar) of 506, made up as follows:—

No.	Lodge	Meeting at	Members
279	St. John	Leicester	86
50*	Knights of Malta	Hinckley	21
523	John of Gaunt	Leicester	82
779	Ferrers and Ivanhoe	Ashby-de-la-Zouch	32
1007	Howe and Charnwood	Loughborough	46
1130	Rutland	Melton Mowbray	19
1265	Vale of Catmos	Oakham	19
1330	St. Peter	Market Harborough	25
1391	Commercial	Leicester	73
1560	Albert Edward	Leicester	42
2028	Granite	Narborough	31
2081	Golden Fleece	Leicester	30

* No. 50 having been transferred from Cheshire in 1803, ranks after No. 279.

It will be seen from the above that Leicester has five Lodges (all of which meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street), with a joint membership of 313, thus proving the truth of our remarks as to the popularity of Freemasonry in the county town. There is a regular Lodge of Instruction, attached to the Granite Lodge, which meets monthly at the Narborough Hotel, Narborough, on the second Thursday after the regular meeting of the mother Lodge, at seven p.m., while the five Leicester Lodges have given joint sanction for "the Union Lodge of Instruction," meetings of which are held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the second Friday in each month, September to April inclusive, at 7·30 p.m. Special attention is directed by the compiler of the Provincial Calendar (Bro. S. S. Partridge) to the usefulness of the Union Lodge of Instruction, which is held under the superintendence of Preceptors, one being appointed by each of the local Lodges. The ceremonies, lectures, charges, sections, &c., of the three degrees are worked from time to time, and valuable instruction afforded to those who are enabled to avail themselves of it, while any who are desirous of taking part in the work are invited to communicate with the Secretary of the Lodge. In this Lodge of Instruction we have an arrangement which might well be adopted in other Provincial towns, where, as a rule, the Lodges are hardly strong enough to maintain independent schools of Masonry.

The Grand Chapter of the Province is under the rule of Comp. W. Kelly, the Past Provincial Grand Master referred to above. He has five Chapters under his guidance, but no particulars are given as to the number of Companions subscribing to each. The Chapters are as follow:—

No.	Chapter	Meeting at
279	Fortitude	Leicester
779	St. Augustine	Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1007	Charnwood	Loughborough
1130	De Mowbray	Melton Mowbray
1560	St. George	Leicester

The district is included in the Mark Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, and Derbyshire, which is also under the Provincial Grand Mastership of Bro. Wm. Kelly, and furnishes four of the nine Lodges embraced in the Province, namely,

No.	Lodge	Meeting at
19	Fowke	Leicester
21	Howe	Melton Mowbray, Market Harborough and Oakham alternately.
30	Knight of Malta	Hinckley
194	Simon de Montfort	Leicester

To the first named of these is attached the William Kelly Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, which meets three times a year. In the higher grades, Leicestershire is well represented, the several degrees being worked from time to time in Leicester.

The Freemasons' Hall, to which we have previously alluded, is under the direction of a committee, consisting of the chief Provincial Officers, together with representatives of Prov. Grand Lodge and the several Masonic bodies accommodated at the Hall. There is also a library committee, which is presided over by Bro. Kelly, while as regards working officials, it is only necessary to pay a visit to the hall to know that every detail is attended to.

The Charity work of the Province is under the direction of a committee, formed of the heads of the district, representatives of the several Lodges, brethren who have acted as Stewards for the Institutions, and others. The work performed by this committee is of the usual description, and is doubtless fully appreciated by those who, from necessity, are compelled to appeal to their brother Masons. In addition to this, there is a Provincial Charity Association, which is under influential patronage, and the object of which is to increase the number of Life Subscribers to the three Royal Masonic Charities. An annual subscription of one guinea or upwards constitutes membership, the whole of the subscriptions being handed to the Institutions. A ballot is taken half yearly for priority of nomination, but any brother subscribing for five years becomes entitled to a nomination without ballot. Thirty-two Life subscriberships (representing, of course, one hundred and sixty guineas) were drawn last year, so that some really good, substantial work is being done by this Association.

The Calendar from which we have gathered the above particulars also contains a list of Lodges in adjoining Provinces (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Northampton-

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shire, and Huntingdonshire), and some useful Masonic notes, &c., and concludes with a summary of the votes for the Charities possessed by brethren and others in the district. From this list we gather that the total voting strength of the Province is as follows:—Girls, 204 votes; Boys, 428; Benevolent (Male Fund), 172; do. (Widows' Fund), 235; total, 1039.

In concluding our remarks, we take the opportunity of congratulating the brethren of the district on the apparent prosperity of their several Lodges, and wish them continued and increased success in the future.

PROVINCE OF SUSSEX.

THE next few weeks will undoubtedly be active ones, so far as Freemasonry in Sussex is affected. Tuesday, the 22nd instant, is the day appointed by His Royal Highness the Grand Master for the installation of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., &c., as Right Worshipful Grand Master, in place of the late Sir Walter W. Burrell, whose death occurred in January last.

The Provincial Grand Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province will attend an especial Provincial Grand Lodge, to be holden in the Dome at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the day we have named, at twelve o'clock noon, for the Installation ceremony, which will be performed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, KG., in person.

These periodical Masonic celebrations, in which our Grand Master takes so lively an interest, offer many inducements to those Craftsmen who have time and opportunity at their disposal, and we look forward to the gathering at Brighton on this occasion commanding as large, if not even a larger attendance, than the meeting at York, in 1883, when the Prince of Wales laid the Memorial Stone of the New Institute there, with Masonic honours.

In order to further the efforts of the Committee who have charge of the arrangements it is requested the following regulation will be fully considered by those who intend to present themselves:—"No one will be admitted to the Royal Pavilion on this occasion without a Ticket," application for which should be made not later than this day (Saturday), the 12th instant, to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother V. P. Freeman, 9 St. George's-place, Brighton.

The following memorandum has been issued from the Grand Secretary's Office:—

There will be a special train for the conveyance of H.R.H. the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, &c.—leaving Victoria at 10.15 o'clock a.m., and arriving at Brighton at 11.30 o'clock.

The return special train will leave Brighton at 4.25 o'clock p.m., arriving at Victoria at 5.40 o'clock.

Brethren desirous of travelling by the special train, are requested to inform the Grand Secretary as soon as possible, in order that seats may be reserved for them, for which he will transmit a voucher.

The fare by this train will be first-class single for the double journey.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall, 9th June 1886.

The June meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Warden's report for the past month was read and approved. The petitions of seven old people—five men and two widows—were considered, and ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for election in May next year. The members of the House and Audit Committees were re-elected, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Bowyer for presiding closed the proceedings.

We have been requested to make a correction in the list of Bro. W. B. Ackerman J.W. 317; the amount was put down at the time of the Girls' School Festival as £10 10s, whereas it should have been £52 10s. We congratulate Bro. Ackerman on his having secured so large an amount.

MASONRY'S ASPIRATION.

An Oration by Rev. Bro. George McClellan Fiske at the Dedication of the New Masonic Temple in Providence, Rhode Island, 3rd February 1886.

THIS day's event is one which will be kept for ever green in the annals of the Masonic Order within this jurisdiction. The expert craftsmen of Rhode Island have distinguished themselves in their day and generation by rearing this edifice, which will long remain to be at once a rendezvous for those at labour and a monument to those who shall be called, from time to time, from labour here to refreshment everlasting. In the rapidly developing prosperity of Providence, as she stretches out her branches unto the sea and her boughs unto the river, this temple rises, no insignificant memento of principles which keep the teeming city pure and sweet, with peace within her walls and plenteousness within her palaces. Well and wisely have you wrought here, my brothers, and in the completion of this fair and unblemished work we all rejoice.

Praise to that Father, in whose house are many mansions! Praise to the Lord, thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob! Praise to that Holy Spirit, who enriched your hearts with the inspiration of His counsel, and guided your hands to perform your heart's desire! Praise, praise, thrice praise to that Thrice Holy One, under whose Almighty Shadow as a Column of Cloud by day and a Pillar of Fire by night, we would, as Masons true, always abide!

With such ascription, first of all to the Supreme Architect and Master, and then, with every sentiment of congratulation to the august Fraternity assembled here—I greet you—counting it an especial honour, hailing as I do from a sister jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of New York, to be present here and to be a spokesman at an hour like this. Were it not one of the landmarks of the Order that every Eastward, stepping traveller finds welcome awaiting him in every Lodge, I should feel as if the gladness of to-day were so entirely yours that unfamiliar voices should be silent as in the presence of that joy with which the stranger intermeddleth not. But as is is, the echoes of your rejoicings will send a kindred joyous thrill through all the Lodges far and near, and all Masonic work will be the better, the stronger, and the more enduring, because you have built solidly and well.

As we stand here together and survey the thronging Craft, sheltered beneath the canopy of this fine building, we cannot but be conscious that public attention is naturally attracted towards us in a new degree. Under these new circumstances we begin a fresh and larger epoch of Masonic life. We rise to a more exalted station before the eyes of the world. We come forward to the front on the platform of the civic life of Providence. Enshrined in its own imposing habitation, the Masonic Order invites observation, and provokes inquiry as to its mission and its message. Has it any noteworthy mission to fulfil? Has it any edifying message to deliver? A personage or an institution appearing in the arena of an industrial, inquisitive, and practical country, must have some definite aim and purpose to propose. To an age critical, incredulous and unsentimental, credentials of identification and usefulness must be shown, if respect, sympathy and admiration are to be commanded. What has Masonry to say for itself? What account of its past can it render? What promise can it hold out to us for the future?

We, of course, believe that the Masonic Order has a distinct mission to discharge, and a definite message to impart—a mission and a message pertinent to and needful for these times.

The Masonic Order, I make bold to announce and characterise it, faces the world as a prophet. A prophet, you will remember, was entrusted with two great functions—one was to urge and expound truth in its application to the present time, the other was to foretel the things which should be hereafter. Both of these functions the Masonic Order is, in a sense, concerned with. It is an exponent of that truth, divine and heavenly, which alone can beautify and irradiate our daily lives and make us truer men; and it continually holds up before us the prospect of the life of the world to come. In its own graphic manner, with its own dramatic eloquence, it admonishes us of death momentarily impending, of that resurrection victory, in which death is swallowed up, and of the eternal bliss which we

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shall know, face to face, when brought to light in the blazing splendour of that orient for which the heart of every Mason yearns, and whitherward his feet are ever tending.

Masonry stands ranged beside the Church of God, as one of the great interpreters and monitors of human life. It bears to that Divine Society a relation much like that which the Holy Saint John Baptist, whom Masonry ever delights to honour as a patron, bore to the Prophet of Prophets, Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. It goes before the Church's face, to prepare her way, to be a herald and forerunner of the fuller truth, and of the mightier office, of which the Church is the sole and only instrument, of reconciling human souls to God.

Masonry does not profess to make men saints. The Church does that. She is the preceptress, the mother, the *alma mater* of the saints. But Masonry can and does profess to inculcate that morality—not the cold, ethical abstractions of the philosopher—but that evangelical morality; that glowing religious morality—if I may use a term like that—which will prepare men for those transforming and sanctifying powers of the world to come, which the Church will bring to bear upon them. Masonry does a preparatory work in bringing men into a state wherein they will be more readily susceptible to the motives of the Spirit of the Lord, and the animation of the spiritual and supernatural life.

Addressing us then in such prophetic guise, in such prophetic speech, we next inquire,—Whence came this Prophet, dealing so aptly with the stern realities of the life that now is, and so earnestly predicting that which is to come? What is its nativity? Masonry is of ancient and venerable extraction. It is truly an offspring and descendant of the instincts and strivings of the human mind. Its lineage is most honourable, representing men's best, most upward, and most enlightened tendencies. The probabilities of its origin declare how men began to esteem the triumphs of intellectual power above brute force, mere possession or animal gratifications. In reflection and invention they found something to charm them, something to really take pride in. Prizing their ingenuity and skill, and making the most of their gifts as artificers and artists, they shielded the processes of their achievements and acquisitions as secrets from the vulgar gaze and from idle curiosity. They kept their arts to themselves, out of honour to their avocations, and for the protection of their interests. The reputation which they sought and the fame which they held dear were based upon the excellence of the work which they produced. Masonry, in its inception, was the nobility, the knighthood of skilled and proficient labourers. Men treasured the conceptions of their minds, fertile in design, and their handiwork of rare and exquisite execution. Not every one could carve the column or lay the wall, or plan the roof, or cause the metal to bloom into life in delineations fit to cover the breast of an Achilles. Not every one could do these things. These were the *arcana*, the mysteries, the heritage of precious knowledge, belonging only to the few, and they were things, too, only to be acquired by persevering and severe apprenticeship. These organisations of the higher grades of labour perhaps were not the direct ancestors of our Order, but they were its historical precedents and analogies, and they furnished the suggestion, the similitude, and the image of the Order as it exists to-day. They were the roots of Masonry deep down in the past, from which this wide-spreading and fruit-laden tree of philanthropy and benevolence has grown. The associative instinct is no new faculty, and its instances, always abundant and innumerable, are found in large proportions in the sphere of the constructive arts. There was art and science and organised employment among the builders who did their work in the forenoon of the world. In Assyria, in Bashan, in Egypt, they have left memorials of their marvellous ability. The building of the ark, the erecting of the Tower of Babel, the orderly array of Tyrian and Jewish workmen on the Temple at Jerusalem, the Roman *Collegia* or Guilds—all these, apart from each other in time and place, were monuments which, though not concerted or unified, were so many protoplasms of their later Masonic life.

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JURISDICTION.

A REVIEW of the decisions of Grand Masters and Grand Lodges present some curious anomalies in what is generally called Masonic Jurisprudence. Thus, for instance, a gentleman having presented his petition to a Lodge was in due course elected to receive the degrees. Before doing this, however, he removed to the jurisdiction of another Lodge, to which he applied for initiation. While entirely willing to receive him this second Lodge deemed it proper to apply to the other for waiver of jurisdiction, to which response was made that not having conferred any degree there was no jurisdiction to waive.

This action precisely expresses our own view, namely, that when a Lodge agrees to accept a candidate it simply expresses its opinion that the party in question is fit to be initiated, and that on his personal appearance it will proceed to the ceremony, but the transaction is not complete until the party elected shall fill the contract by presenting himself for the degree or degrees. It takes two to make a bargain, and such a bargain as relates to initiation after election depends upon the individual and not upon the Lodge. The well-known rule is that a candidate must come of his own free will and accord, and when he is notified of his acceptance it remains with him to say whether he will or will not accept the privilege accorded him by the favourable vote of the Lodge.

This proceeding involves the question whether the election of a candidate, or technically the acceptance of his petition for initiation, gives the Lodge petitioned jurisdiction over him. We insist that it does not; that there is no law to compel an unwilling candidate to present himself to a Lodge which, notwithstanding his petition and acceptance, he upon afterthought finds himself unwilling to join. He may remove to another jurisdiction, or he may prefer a Lodge having concurrent jurisdiction, for reasons of his own, but in either event he is his own master and may rightfully follow his own inclination.

This is one of the questions still befogged by the ideas of brethren who assume to decide without knowing, but which will gradually submerge into the sunlight of personal privilege.

Nevertheless it would be entirely proper to inquire of the first Lodge as to the status of the individual, and whether any good reason could be advanced why he should not be initiated.

The result is that jurisdiction is not acquired by the mere fact of petition and acceptance, but only by the act of the party in interest presenting himself for initiation. A due regard to these facts would save many disappointments and subsequent heart-burnings, and prevent Lodges assuming rights to which they have no legitimate claim.

As already said, the whole subject is undergoing a change, and we trust the time is not far distant when there shall be a better understanding than now prevails.—*New York Dispatch.*

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Paas, Richardson, Miller, Powell, Parkhouse, Cooper, Faulkner, Soppet, Webb, Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Saunders, Cumberland, Imbert-Terry, Mather, Bowyer P.G.S.B., Perryman A.G.P., Adlard, Murray, Hogard, Dr. Morris, Williams, Griffiths, Belton, Cubitt P.G.P., Motion, Maple, Eve, and Binckes Secretary. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and verified, those of the House Committee were read for information. Bros. Bowyer, Miller, Gladwell, and Webb were appointed Scrutineers for the election of nine out of a list of ten brethren nominated in May last to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee. The result, afterwards furnished, was as follows:—Bros. Gillard, Cubitt, Goodall, Cooper, Hogard, Soppet, Maple, Richardson, and Griffiths were elected. The House Committee of last year were re-elected. Four petitions were next considered, and the names of the candidates ordered to be placed on the list for election in October next. Grants of £5 each were made to three ex-pupils, but the appeal of a lad, educated in the school, seeking assistance, was ordered to lie on the table, as not coming within the scope of the purposes of the Institution; moreover, some time had elapsed since the lad in question had left the School. Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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A SPIRITUALIST'S REVELATION ON ANCIENT MASONRY.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

A BROTHER recently showed me a lecture, by W. J. Colville, a spiritualist, which also contained some poetry. Mr. Colville claimed that the poetry was due to his mother's spirit; the brother referred to informed me that Colville was an uneducated Englishman; that all the quotations he cited, from books, came to him by inspiration, and that he was not a Mason. Since then my friend lent me a pamphlet, containing three lectures by the same spiritualist, on "The wonders of Egypt," and as these lectures give new revelations, about "our ancient Egyptian brethren," I shall, therefore, make these revelations known to my English readers, that, if found worthy of credit, they may be incorporated into a future history of Masonry. Mr. Colville believes that the hieroglyphics on the Egyptian pyramids are nothing more nor less than prophecies, and he says:—

"That it needs only an adequate knowlege of the antiquity of Masonry and hieroglyphics to decipher the history of the past and prophecy of the future, clearly written upon them (the pyramids) in symbolic language; employing objects in material nature as correspondences to spiritual and national events . . . Outwardly, all the pyramids are similar, the great pyramid being outwardly distinguished from the rest only by its superior size; but when an entrance has been effected, the likeness vanishes, and this one pyramid stands alone as the past Grand Masonic Lodge of the earth; the seat and centre of supreme knowledge of earth and heaven, of the numberless worlds in space, and of the relation of each to each, and each to all. . . . The great pyramid has, doubtless, stood between 20,000 and 30,000 years (what a pity that the spirits could not give the exact age), and has been submerged in time of the great and general deluge; but the record of its pre-historic career is entombed in such chambers, galleries, and vaults as have not yet been explored, but mention of which is made in occult literature, to those who can understand the references. These discoveries were made by the ancients, and, familiar to the highest adepts of the Orient, will become public ere long. . . . Whatsoever is discovered externally by scientific process, has been first announced by spiritual revelation. . . . The utter unreadiness on the part of mankind at large to receive occult knowledge, without the evil of mysticism, lay at the root of all the Masonic institutions in the world. Every Lodge of Masons professes some secret, carefully shrouded from the world; on the plea that the world is not ready to know what the initiated hold in their grasp; while in ancient days secrecy was enjoined on the members of such orders as a safeguard. . . . The tone of secrecy to-day is largely sentimental, often morbid, and frequently the result of an inordinate love of power.

"The secret orders of the world, as generally known to mankind, are very inferior connections of these grand old august Lodges, of which the highest of all is the Order of Melchisedec. This Order, so ancient that its birthday is lost in unfathomable depths of soundless antiquity, was certainly known to Abraham. . . . . The Order of Aaron and that of Melchisedec are certainly mentioned in the Old and New Testaments, as entirely distinct, but not as in opposition to each other. The great difference between them was, that one was temporal and the other eternal. That of Melchisedec, like its founder, had neither beginning of life nor end of days, while the other was related to outward customs and observances, both religious and civil. The Order of Melchisedec was known to David, as he mentioned it in the Psalms. The 110th Psalm is usually considered prophetic of the Messiah. The words, 'Thou art a priest for ever after the Order of Melchisedec,' are said, by all orthodox Christians, to refer to Jesus Christ, while the orthodox Jews regard them as typical of the unending reign of the Messiah who is yet to come.

"But who was Melchisedec and his Order? are questions asked by scholars and their pupils alike. The ordinary commentaries on the Bible have no more satisfactorily explained Melchisedec than they have the Apocalypse, and there is indeed no satisfactory solution of the mystery of this most mysterious Order other than that familiar to those so far acquainted with Oriental antiquities and occult literature that they possess a clue, yea the very key to the origin of religions and Masonry on earth, and who therefore know what the designer of the great pyramid evidently knew. . . . . The grand pyramid is evidently a temple of science, philosophy, religion and art. It is fourfold, and yet it is a perfect unity. . . . . The four sides of the square signify universal brotherhood, and eventually the universal dissemination of truth. . . . . There are four great sciences which were known to the ancients, upon which they based all their calculations, and in accordance with which they reared their temples, arranged their ceremonies, and predicted the future."

As astrology was one of the Egyptian sciences, our lecturer entered into a defence thereof; not indeed the vulgar kind of fortune telling astrology we hear of, but about a science which is "the esoteric side of astronomy." He says:—

"Whatever affects one world in a system affects all, and whatever affects one system of worlds, affects all the worlds in the universe. . . . . Therefore, the past few years, when several planets have made their prehelion passages almost simultaneously, have been years of great commotion, energy and strife. Not only the predictions made by the instruments of the spirit world, in this country, and elsewhere a few years ago, have been literally fulfilled with the most startling accuracy; but none save those who blindly shut their eyes to facts, and are held in the unyielding vice of senseless prejudice, can hold other than one of the two theological opinions and defensible explanations of these prophecies and their fulfilments, which have yet been offered to the world." [It can be shown] "how in an especial sense at the present moment, the unsettled weather, the light before the sunrise and after the sunset, which has recently perplexed the astronomers so much, the numerous earthquakes, eruptions, storms, accidents, wars, rebellions, sickness, &c. &c., are all results of the present position of the four planets."

Hence, as the Egyptian Masons were adepts in the astrological science, they have not only calculated the conjunctions of the planets that will take place to the end of the world, but have also inscribed the predictions they signify for all time coming, on the stones of the great pyramid; and, when all these stones are brought to light, then we shall know—what we shall know. Our lecturer also said:—

"This Order [of Melchisedec] is altogether spiritual, and exists in the spirit world, though it is represented on earth by a Lodge whose members are mediums of the twelve angels who form it in spirit world; as angelic life is dual, the members of this Order are twenty-four in number, twelve males and twelve females always constituting it.

"Masonic Orders which exclude women are untrue to the most ancient Masonic Orders of the world, and so far as masculine monopoly has tyrannised over the rights of the female sex, Masonry has degenerated; but the most ancient mysteries in the world are hidden under a veil of ceremonial mystery in the highest Lodges. The majority of modern Masons ignore magic, and know little, if anything, of the true spiritual significance of the ceremonies performed at their meetings. . . . . Masonry has a certain value, its principles are moral, and its general influence good."

Now, I must candidly confess that I believe Mr. Colville is sincere, and that he is not as uninformed as my friend who called my attention to his lectures supposed him to be. Of course, I can say nothing about Mr. Colville's spiritual Lodge, but I think that either the spirits or himself were mistaken about an Order of Aaron, or Melchisedec, that had been known to the writers of the Old Testament; for this I shall give my reasons—not, indeed, because I fear that Bro. Gould will insert the above revelations into the second edition of his "History of Freemasonry" as "Gospel truth," for his mind is too logical for believing in such dreams; but I do know that we have a number of credulous Masons, who are as eager for accumulating Masonic degrees as misers are for piling gold; and their appetite for more and more Masonic degrees is such that even Mr. Colville's dreams will not be too tough for their belief; hence, I consider myself in duty bound to show that Mr. Colville's spiritual Masonic revelation is not reliable.

First.—Aaron and order are conjointly given in the Old Testament only once. In Leviticus xxiv. 2 and 3, it says: "Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually . . . in the tabernacle of the congregation

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shall Aaron order it," &c. Surely, no one can suppose that the above refers to a kind of Masonic Order of Aaron, or any kind of an organisation which is called "An Order."

And second.—Melchisedec is mentioned in the Old Testament only twice, viz. in Genesis xiv. 18, I find as follows: "And Melchizedeck, King of Salem, brought forth bread and wine, and he was the priest of the most high God." According to the above, Melchizedeck was not a spirit, but a man, and no "Order of Melchisedec" can be inferred from it. Abraham then was not acquainted with an Order of Melchisedec. In Psalm cx. 4 is the following: "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent. Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." In order to show that the word "order" in the above verse is a mere blunder of the translator, I refer the reader to the Hebrew Dictionaries] of Gesenius and of Parkhurst;—both were orthodox Christians. The first makes it read: "after the manner of Melchisedec," and the latter "after the matter," &c. Such being the case, there is no evidence that David knew anything about an "Order of Melchisedec."

In the 7th Epistle to the Hebrews, I find indeed both "Order of Aaron" and "Order of Melchizedeck" mentioned; and as the said Epistles are ascribed in the Bible to Paul, people imagine that Paul was the author of those Epistles, and as Paul was called "an Apostle," he of course wrote by inspiration; and hence Paul's inspired testimony to a former existence of an Order of Aaron, &c. cannot be doubted by any one.

The truth, however, is, no one knows who wrote the Epistles to the Hebrews. The question puzzled the early Christian Fathers as much as it did the modern critics. The authorship of the said Epistles were ascribed to Clement of Rome, to Barnabas, to Luke, to Silas, and Paul; and as somebody must have written them, it was finally concluded that it would give the said Epistles greater importance if they were ascribed to Paul, and Paul remained their unquestioned author for about a thousand years. But for some reason, Cardinal Cajetan, the opponent of Luther, was the first to disturb the old tradition of Paul's authorship; hence, Calvin and Beza also began to question the authorship of the said Epistles, and Luther demonstrated to his own satisfaction that Apollos was the author. In short, no one knows by whom the Epistles to the Hebrews were written, where they were written, and to whom they were written. It is claimed, that internal evidence demonstrates that the writer to the Hebrews did not understand the Hebrew language; the probability therefore is, that he got his notion of the Order of Aaron, &c., from a corrupt copy of the Septuagint.

But that is not all; Abraham's host was neither named at his christening or baptism "Melchisedec;" nor was he king of a country or town called Salem. Indeed, there seems to have been no such a place as Salem during Abraham's lifetime, and Biblical commentators have assigned as many localities to old Salem as others did to the authorship of the Epistle to the Hebrews. In short, "doctors differ" all round; and as Mr. Colville had no doubt that the Orders of Melchisedec and of Aaron are mentioned in the Old Testament, and that they were known to Abraham and to David, I must come to the conclusion that the spirit who inspired Mr. Colville was unreliable.*

The next question however is, have Masons been really foolish enough to have Masonised Messrs. Melchisedec and Aaron? And I am sorry to answer they have. Thus, in 1824 the Cerneanites at New York chartered a Masonic concern, called Aaron's band, a continuation of the old Order of Aaron most probably; and Kenning's Cyclopædia informs me that there is a Melchisedec in the fifth (degree I suppose) of the Asiatic Brothers. Also in the sixth of the Bavarian Illuminati; and, if I understand right, Melchisedec was an officer in the old degree of Templar Priests, and Melchisedec, of course, cuts a figure in the American high Masonic degrees.

I shall only add, that whenever I look into a Masonic Cyclopædia, and see in it the quantity of ridiculous stuff that has been foisted on Masonry, I cannot help exclaiming, after the manner of Madame Rowland:—

Oh, Masonry! How many tomfooleries are propagated in thy name!

With regard to astrology, the reader will find, in Roger De Hoveden's Annals, two letters by Christian astrologers, predicting disastrous events, even the destruction of the world, but a Mahommedan philosopher in Spain ridiculed their predictions.

BOSTON, 26th May 1886.

* See Davidson's "Introduction to the Study of the New Testament," 1882. Published by Longman, Green and Co. Vol. I. from p 177 to 239. Also Smith's Bible Dictionary Articles, "Hebrews," "Melchisedeck," and "Salem."

REMINISCENCES OF A SECRETARY.

MASONRY does not always "take" with the newly initiated, it does not always strike in, that is to say the impressions given and received by the candidate are various; sometimes the beautiful lectures, the elaborate ritual, glides off the mind of the recipient and he thinks no more about the real meaning of the symbolism than he would had he been to some show or some minstrel performance. Oftentimes the moral teaching of our work impresses the neophyte more than aught else, and few there are, very few indeed, on whose mind the initiation, passing and raising make a lasting and deep impression, so deep indeed that they take hold in earnest and become sincere and zealous workers in the Fraternity.

By these I mean the real workers, those who never tire, though they have received all the honours, have been through and through again, still they adhere to the then Masonic love, and work for the love they bear the Craft. Often the various impressions given and the result attained is due to the officer conferring the degree, often to the kind of material the newly-made member finds in the Lodge. Sometimes this is congenial, other times not; in the former case the new-comer will stay and become interested and be interwoven in the work of the Lodge, until he sees and appreciates its beauties; sometimes again a sudden enthusiasm is developed which is not always lasting. Like a veritable straw-fire, a sudden flame bursts forth, spreading its lurid light far among friends and acquaintances, and then as suddenly goes down and disappears, leaving nothing behind but a little heap of malodorous ashes. The cause of this is also various, disappointment, first in office, second in not attaining that mercenary gain many expect, for it cannot be denied many do expect gain through the Fraternity; the merchant expects customers, the newly-fledged physician expects patients, the lawyer clients, and so on through the long list.

One case I remember different from all the above: Bro. James A. Houdnaugh became a member of my Lodge about the year 18—, and was very enthusiastic. He studied the ritual carefully; he never missed a meeting of his own Lodge and was a constant visitor in sister Lodges, yet I could not say that he was ambitious for office. While he was capable and always ready to fill the place of any absent officer, he never expressed a desire to hold office himself. He was always very profuse in praise of the Fraternity, and I thought certainly that the impressive ceremony through which he had passed had made a deep and lasting impression upon him, yet I found very soon that his enthusiasm was most emphatically of the straw-fire kind, and was not lasting; but the cause of his falling off was the queerest I had ever heard. Masonry was not pious enough for him; there was not salvation enough in the ritual, and the Craft was altogether too easy in the matter of admitting men of all creeds. He came to my desk one evening and told me he felt greatly disappointed; he thought Masonry ought to be remodelled, put upon a different basis, and built upon a better plan, so as to bring men nearer to everlasting salvation. I walked home with him that evening and questioned him about his religious beliefs—a subject I always carefully avoided in and out of Lodge, believing, with Frederick the Great, that every man ought to be allowed to go to heaven in his own way, and choose the road by which this all-desired goal may be reached. But I had taken a liking to this Brother, and thought by entering into his ways I could convince him that Masonry was all right, and that we had better not remodel it, and leave its grandest feature—universal tolerance and charity—just as the fathers had handed it down to us.

I found that Bro. Houdnaugh's parents were of the highest of high church Episcopalians, and of course his early training was from that source, but like the famous Josiah Davidson, who tried to live the life of Christ in the nineteenth century, he had asked the rector many unseemly and naughty questions, and incurred the displeasure of that stiff and haughty dignitary. As soon as he was old enough he became a Dissenter, much to the disgust and chagrin of his old parents. He said he was a searcher after truth, and it seemed to me he had been a good while searching. He attended the Presbyterian church awhile, but this hard and cold band was not congenial to our kind-hearted Brother, and for a while he drifted along without any Church connection. Then some Methodist friends "converted" him, and he became a loud and earnest shouter in the "amen corner." But the evangelical work of these good people did not exactly suit him. He thought it was low to go everywhere and preach, and thereby allow everybody to become a minister; and while he believed in teaching the Gospel to every creature, he did not think every creature should teach the Gospel. He had also tried all kinds of Baptists—hard-shell, soft-shell, total immersion, partial immersion, and no immersion at all—only sprinkling. In fact, I found this earnest searcher after truth had almost boxed the religious compass. Yet, among all these people, he could not find what he was so earnestly seeking, and when he joined the Lodge he thought he would find among his Brethren only truth and honesty, and that comely order—

> "Which nothing early gives, or can destroy,
> The soul's calm sunshine, and the heartfelt joy."

But, alas! for poor weak human nature, there were flaws and defects found even among Masons. Masonry was all right, as were the various churches, but human nature is the same in the Lodge as in the church, and is far from being perfect in either. And now Bro. James was drifting and groping among Spiritualists, and

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invited me to go with him to one of their meetings. They were then all the rage; they held séances at a dollar a séance, and I agreed to go with him on the following Sunday.

The place of meeting was at Hope Chapel, on Broadway, somewhere near Eighth Street, which was at that time the headquarters for every crank in the city; every ism in religion, commerce, or politics was aired there. Every itinerant with a "theory" would find a lodging here and air his vapourings in Hope Chapel.

The following Sunday I accompanied Brother Houdnaugh to this "church," with the faint hope that possibly I could be of use to him in his ardent search after truth, but the audience I met in the place did not encourage me much. A motley crew indeed.

Men with their hair parted in the middle. Women who parted their hair on the sides. Men with cloaks and capes and shawls, and women with coats, high hats and bloomer pants. Men with long hair down their shoulders, and women with hair cut as short as a Fourth Ward heeler at a primary. Women with high standing collars, and men with long rolling collars.

And while they all spoke English, so-called, you could hear the broad H'english, "you know," of the Queen's subjects, intermingled with the nasal twang of the Yankee, and he with the sweet brogue of the Green Isle would discourse with his neighbour, von der Vaterland, midst the very lively gesticulating of a little Frenchman, who seemed to be just in his element.

And cranks of all sorts were here; each one had a "theory" of his own—social theories, religious theories, patent ways to reform all mankind, improve the climate by decree, fasten the moon so as to have it full all the time, hence increase vegetation, crops plentiful, living cheap. Result—no poverty, no crime; in short, millennium.

The odour of these people was as eccentric as their theories, and as varied as their apparel. The garlic of the Frenchman intermingled sweetly with the sauerkraut of Hans, and the fumes of tobacco were as strong as both combined.

After considerable buzzing and desultory talking, the little bandy-legged Frenchman clambered upon the platform, and, as was meet and proper for such an assemblage to do, he nominated a woman as chairman of the meeting. This lady, I found out afterwards, was his wife. She weighed about two hundred and fifty lbs. avoirdupois, and her hands and feet were twice the size of those of her little man. She had a deep, guttural voice, which sounded very funny when she was talking to her husband, who squeaked in a sharp falsetto voice. Her subject was, "The Protection of Infants." The small baby now was at the mercy of its mother. It was only last week she read of a dead infant being found in an ash-barrel; hence, all babies should be taken away from their ignorant and cruel mothers, and the State should take care of them all, &c., and much; more of similar twaddle. The audience, however, were very listless; they were waiting for the "medium," who was behind a little curtain drawn across one corner of the platform, and was supposed to try very hard to go to sleep, which I thought was indeed a very hard thing to do, hearing this big woman and her sonorous voice, and occasionally, to emphasize her words, she would stamp her big feet. When at last the medium was thought to be asleep, or, as it was termed, in a trance, the two hundred and fifty pounds of petticoat subsided, and her little Frenchman drew aside the red cotton curtain, and exposed to view the most beautiful woman I had ever seen.

Upon a large easy-chair sat, or partially reclined, an angel, attired in earthly female attire. Her eyes were half-closed, and her shapely waxen hand and tapering fingers hung listlessly by her side. The inevitable little Frenchman rolled the chair forward and towards the front of the stage, and then politely stood aside. Solemnly and slowly the ethereal apparition arose, and as she stood up before that vulgar assemblage, the contrast was most striking. Clad in light and becoming dress, showing a beautiful symmetry of shape and figure, she looked the very picture of Raphael's Madonna, and when she opened her eyes, of the purest dark blue hue, full of sad and melancholy expression, I did not wonder that the people before her believed in her, and it seemed to me they would have endorsed anything, any doctrine, however absurd, that came from the lips of this angelic creature.

After looking over the heads of her audience awhile, she sank down again on her chair, and closed those beautiful eyes, her long silken eyelashes showing upon her face, which was partly hidden by long, fair golden curls, hanging down below her waist. She sat awhile, breathing heavily, and finally a woman from the audience stepped toward her and began to question her about the spirits, known and unknown ones; American, English, German, French, Greek and Roman spirits passed in quick review before the closed eyes of the angel on the stage; every one asked questions about the departed—about their welfare, their doings, their occupations, &c.

My Bro. Houdnaugh was very much interested, and seemingly believed thoroughly in the manifestations, and during a lull in the proceedings he asked me what I thought of it. I told him I thought the girl was very beautiful, and was being used by some one to impose upon a credulous lot of fools, and if he was searching for truth in Hope Chapel he got on the wrong track.

The "medium" finally sank down exhausted in her big chair, and the little red curtain was drawn to hide her from the audience, when other speakers arraigned the present system of about everything in existence. The whole was interspersed by occasional music, hammered out of an old organ by an elderly gentleman, with very long hair, but with very little musical talent. Before the audience was dismissed, a collection was taken up by the general factotum, the little Frenchman.

We left together—Bro. Houdnaugh and I; and when we reached the street I asked the question, how it was possible that sensible men and women could be carried away by such unsubstantial humbugs?

The angel of Hope Chapel figured afterwards prominently before the people in a celebrated divorce suit, she tried to win from her husband, a Professor H——, and truth was very sparingly handled by both sides.

And Bro. Houdnaugh dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues.

He gradually lost interest in Lodge affairs and ran behind in his dues, and I tried to collect these from him but could not. I tried to show him that truth and honesty usually go hand in hand, and that his dues were an honest debt, but it was no use. In his earnest and ardent search after truth he lost sight of us and his Lodge, and when finally his name was called out and the Master asked for any reason why this Brother should not be suspended (the term then used), no one answered, but as usual all eyes turned towards the Secretary and I answered the silent queries by moving the "usual course," and out he went, out in the dark, out from among us, out with the great army of non-affiliates.

It was only another case of straw-fire enthusiasm; another instance where men expect too much. Whenever a perfect man can be found who will bring perfection to his Lodge, he will surely find perfection within the Lodge, and among his Brethren, but that perfect man has not yet been found, and those who honestly and earnestly search for truth will find it, if they are only capable of seeing it; and our system is all right. Masonry teaches Divine truths, which can never, never be controverted, and is as near perfect as poor weak human nature will allow it to be. If any improvement is wanted or needed, let us commence with ourselves.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

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WHAT MANNER OF MEN ARE THESE?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

"Are things what they seem;
Or is visions about?
Is our civilisation a failure?"—BRET HARTE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read in your pages last week, with sad regret, the two letters signed respectively "E. J. G." and "A LOYAL MASON," and am at a loss to reconcile our boasted Freemasonry with the particulars your correspondents set forth.

In the one case we have an example of the commission of one of those sins "for which we affirm with our mouths the curse of God to be due," that of removing a neighbour's landmark; in the other a specimen, unique in every respect, of that hitherto understood anomaly, "a disloyal Mason."

We read that in the olden days, and in the Primitive Church, there was a godly discipline, and such persons as he of the one case were "put to open penance and punishment;" whilst he of the other found in the pillory the fitting reward of his disobedience to the command, "Honour the King."

Your correspondent, "E. J. G." tells us of a memorial stone "tampered with and desecrated" by the presumed unwarrantable removal of a Brother's name originally inscribed thereon. Can such a thing be done without remedy? In common fairness I ask for the full corroboration of the statement in such a manner as to enable honest members of the Craft to "spot" the transgressor, and show him, by their open contempt, their strong opinion of his dastard deed. And if the chivalry of Freemasonry be not a thing of the past; if there really be a meaning to the promise to support and defend an injured brother; then I maintain that the Brotherhood should not rest until restitution is made to him whose "landmark" has been so "ruthlessly removed," whoever that Brother may be.

As to the "Un-Masonic cad" referred to by your correspondent, "A LOYAL MASON," his associates will doubtless let his name be known wherever he is likely to be met with, and "Coventry" will assuredly be his reward for his unseemly conduct. For such is the strength of Masonic loyalty, as well to the Crown as to our Grand Master, that all Freemasons but the one mentioned would unhesitatingly echo Emilia's wish:—

"O, Heaven, that such companions thou'dst unfold;
And put in every honest hand a whip,
To lash the rascal naked through the world."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JUSTITIA.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—So it is more dreadful than I thought in regard to the Memorial Stone at the Surrey Masonic Hall. Your correspondent E. J. G. says it has been tampered with and "desecrated." I imagined that by some mysterious process the stone had merely resumed its primitive inscription.

Stones when "carved, marked, indented on," especially with names, become historical and should not be tampered with.

What if the historic stones of a city, which are preserving from Lethe some of its magnates, were to be visited in dead of night by Brown, Jones or Robinson, and the name obliterated for that possessed by the B., J. or R. in question. The future archæologist would like myself be

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 167.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at its new quarters, Jack Straw's Castle Hotel, Hampstead, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of Bro. John Potter W.M., who was supported by the following Officers and members, viz. :—Edwin Storr I.P.M., H. E. Coffin S.W., C. H. Fry J.W., J. T. Rowe P.M. and Treasurer, J. R. Thomson P.M. and Secretary, Fred. Freeman S.D., W. A. Scurrah Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works Middlesex J.D., N. Goodchild I.G., T. Bowler Tyler; F. Adlard P.M. Hon. Mem., J. Yeomans P.M., Jonathan Ware P.M., J. G. Humphreys P.M., J. H. Fielding, T. Hearson, A. W. Lane, John Madvery, W. Batt, J. A. Buchanan, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. R. Nelson, E. A. Nixon and J. W. Ryder of the Henry Levander Lodge 2048, James C. Smith W.M. 1744, James Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, W. Morrill 704, John Lane 1288 and John Pritchard P.M. 167. Lodge having been opened and previous minutes confirmed, Bro. J. H. Fielding was passed to the second degree, and at the request of the W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge, 2048, Bro. W. Scurrah, Prov. G.S. of W. Middlesex, Bros. Nixon, Nelson and Ryder were also passed as F.C.'s. The agenda was in other respects clear of work, and opportunity was afforded, after Lodge had been lowered to the first degree, to discuss a charitable proposition, on behalf of the widow of the late Bro. Shury, who, as a candidate at the late election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May, just failed to secure a successful position, and was declared the highest on the poll of unsuccessful candidates. The St. John's Lodge had worked well and heartily on the widow's behalf, and it having been determined by the mother Lodge of our deceased brother to make up to his widow the annuity she had only just missed, until she could be placed in due course on the funds of the Institution, it was suggested, and subsequently unanimously determined, that St. John's Lodge should contribute a sum of five guineas to the amount which would be required for that purpose. Propositions for initiation were received, and hearty good wishes having been offered by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for awhile to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the hotel, and a stroll along the "Vale of Health." On their return they reassembled at dinner, and subsequently enjoyed a very pleasurable and informal meeting, the toasts being given with commendable brevity, and as briefly responded to. Bro. W. Smith, W.M. of the Savoy Lodge, displayed his ability as a pianoforte accompanyist, and Bro. Edwin Storr and others gave "proof of proficiency" as vocalists. Bro. Stevens delivered two Masonic recitations, "The Three Great Lights" and "The Level and the Square," to the manifest satisfaction of his hearers; and generally the entire proceedings of the evening were of a most sociable and pleasurable character. We congratulate the Lodge on having secured, on their compulsory surrender of their hitherto admirable suite of rooms at the "Holly Bush," such excellent quarters as they now enjoy, and in such an attractive position alike for their members and their Visitors.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Thursday, 3rd inst., this being the first time the brethren have been able to meet here since the destructive fire which occurred in March last. Bro. H. Baber the W.M. not being present at the commencement of the proceedings, the Lodge was opened by the Installing Officer Bro. W. H. Foulsham P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Ranson S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented by Bro. C. Daniel P.M. 65, who acted throughout the ceremony as D.C., and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Ranson was regularly installed in the chair of K.S. and greeted in ancient form. The Audit Committee's report was received and adopted, and the sum of ten guineas having been voted to Bro. H. M. Hobbs' list, as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Lodge was closed in due form; after the following had been invested Officers for the ensuing year :—Bros. C. Tarry S.W., F. T. Fidpath J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Sec., J. Kilvington S.D., E. Samuel J.D., R. G. Fleming I.G., G. S. Horsnail D.C., and W. Lane Tyler. There was a strong muster of the members and of visitors. The brethren subsequently repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. T. H. Bentley the manager. The usual toasts were given, and during the evening Bro. H. Baber, the I.P.M., was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his able conduct during the past year. Bros. Laxton, Streeter, Langton, Hopekirk and Holdsworth responded for the Visitors. An excellent programme of music had been arranged by Pro. J. B. Shakespeare, whose singing, as well as that of Bros. Wilmot, Haskins, Kilvington, Ridpath and others, greatly added to the success of the meeting, Bro. Laughlin kindly presided at the piano. The following were among the Visitors —Bros. F. West P.G.S., P. T. Brenrey P.G.S., W. F. Laxton P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, J. S. Streeter P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, J. D. Langton No. 1 I.P.M. 2096, F. Eastwood P.M. 1237, W. Russel Crowe P.M. 190, W. Gunner P.M. 720, W. Hopekirk P.M. 179, J. S. Fraser P.M. 174, S.W. 2096, A. R. Jones Org. 804, J. Barrett 1313, J. A. James 31, E. T. Taylor 1567, E. C. Holdsworth 2096, P. Laughlin Org. 1365, W. G. Oates D.C. 2096, S. Oxenham 2096, M. Taylor 463.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

AN Emergency Meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday, 8th inst. Present—Bros. Hugh M. Hobbs W.M., J. D. Langton I.P.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. S. Fraser Secretary, W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C, F. W. Leaver Org., and W. Lane Tyler. Also Bros. Dr. J. Strong P. Prov. G.J.W. Surrey, F. Blake P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, E. C. Leaver, Dr. Wilson, D. Gnedalla, Dr. A. Matthey, and J. Rosenberg. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Smith W.M. 463, A. Pocock I.P.M. 1965, Chas. Tarry S.W. 1790, Gordon Smith J.W. 2041, J. Kilvington S.D. 1790, and F. Carter 14. The Lodge having been opened Mr. F. A. Holdsworth was balloted for and duly initiated into Freemasonry, the charge being afterwards given. Bros. Dr. Matthey and D. Gnedalla were passed to the second degree. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—Held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, on Wednesday, 10th instant. Bros. Chatwin W.M., Austin S.W., Cavers J.W., Sims S.D., Wittle J.D., Craiggs I.G., J. Davies Preceptor, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Spiegel P.M., Jennings, Child, Altman, Ridgley, Curtis, Stonsell, Colville, G. Williams, Breitbart and Head. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. With Bro. Altman as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off and on, and opened in the second degree; Bro. Spiegel worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Davies. Later on Bro. Austin S.W. was duly elected W.M. for next week. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., who, for the first time, had taken that position. It is gratifying to us to be able to state that this Lodge of Instruction has £13 11s 6d in hand, which will be placed on the list of the next Steward who shall represent the Lodge at one of the Festivals.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 5th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Present—Bros. Chas. Dopson W.M., A. Williams S.W., H. F. Williams J.W., Wm. Johnson Sec., J. Brown S.D., H. Furze J.D., F. G. Craggs I.G. Past Masters Bros. Purdue, Sims, Spiegel; Bros. Davis (Acting Preceptor), Wood, Tipper, W. W. Williams and Tilbury. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Questions leading to second degree were answered by Bro. Thos. Sims, and the second ceremony was rehearsed; Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. Preceptor Davis, assisted by Bro. P.M. Purdue, worked the first and third sections of the third lecture, assisted by Bro. Davis; afterwards, assisted by Bro. G. Brown, he worked the first section of the second lecture; and with Bro. H. F. Williams the first section of the first lecture. Lodge closed in perfect harmony.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Grand.—During the past fortnight Miss Farren and Mr. Fred. Leslie, assisted by an exceptionally strong company, have had possession of the boards here, crowded houses being the result. We advise our readers who have not yet seen this really funny burlesque, "Jack Sheppard," to pay a visit to the Grand to-night, as this will be Miss Farren's last appearance in London prior to her provincial tour. On Monday Mr. Charles Warner will appear here in "Storm Beaten;" he will be supported by a selected company. It is worthy of note that Mr. Warner first made his appearance in London at Sadler's Wells Theatre, so that Islingtonians will now have the opportunity of once more welcoming an old friend to their neighbourhood.

Empire.—To-night (Saturday) will witness the first performance of the new musical spectacular extravaganza, "The Palace of Pearl." In consequence of the elaborate preparations required in connection with this piece, its production was postponed from Wednesday until to-night. The managers have secured a strong company, and they have our heartiest wishes for their success.

Royalty.—Messrs. Frank Holmes and E. J. Henley will reopen this theatre on Monday, with a new four act comedy, entitled "Jack," and a new and original burlesque, "Mephisto." The casts will include the names of Messrs. Wm. Plympton, H. Proctor, M. Cackles, M. Drew, P. Cunningham, W. Compton, Fenton, Burton, and E. J. Henley; Mesdames Dorothy Dean, Carlotta Leclercq, M. A. Gifford, Maria Williams, Madge Stavart, and Constance Gilchrist. We wish Messrs. Holmes and Henley a successful season.

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THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 3rd July, at 2.30 p.m. for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

The ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER will hold a Meeting for the reception of Candidates at 2.45. All names must be forwarded before the 30th June to Bro. Frank Richardson Prov. G. Sec., 28 Golden Square, W.; or to Bro. C. F. Matier Prov. G.M. Sec., Royal Bruce Chapter, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

IN every respect, save one, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday last, the 5th instant, was attended by circumstances of a most gratifying nature. Beautiful weather, spacious accommodation, a grand muster of enthusiastic Masons, interesting proceedings in Grand Lodge, Divine service in the fine old parish church, cool refreshment, brief but pertinent speeches, and most excellent music, combined to render the gathering of the Middlesex Lodges on this occasion an event to be well remembered by those who were privileged to attend. The one and only drawback to the full fruition of great expectancy was the unfortunate and deeply-regretted enforced absence of the esteemed Provincial Grand Master himself, who, suffering from a bronchial attack, was forbidden by his medical advisers to venture on the discharge of duties which for many years have been so regularly performed by him in connection with the Grand Lodge over which he holds a firm and genial sway. The expressions of regret and sympathy with the Rt.Wor. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett were frequent and earnest, and when conveyed to him, as doubtless they will be, will certainly serve to prove to his mind that of which probably there has never been a doubt, the continued regard and esteem of every brother connected with the several Lodges hailing him as their Chief. In his absence, and by his express authority, the large assembly of Masons was most efficiently presided over by the V.W. Brother Raymond H. Thrupp P.G.A.D.C., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, which on this occasion met under the auspices of the Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Bro. J. T. Briggs W.M., was opened in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall, kindly lent by Lady Freke, and handsomely decorated with flags, ferns, and flowers, by the united aid of her ladyship's agent, Bro. J. K. Gwyn, of The Great City Lodge, and Bro. Poupart, of the Albion Lodge, both of whom were amongst the visitors. The elevated platform at the upper end of the Hall was a mass of beautiful evergreens, amongst which some large and rare specimen ferns raised their graceful foliage, and set off to advantage the splendid bloom of many and varied flowering plants. Towering over all was the banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and smaller banners (one of them a recent present from the Sub-Urban Lodge, 1702, and the Citadel Lodge, 1897, united), surrounded the Grand Master's chair. The general effect of the decorations and the regalia of the brethren, when all were assembled, was enhanced by the perfect lighting of the spacious Hall, and afforded opportunity for strong contrast with other gatherings for similar purposes. "If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well," appears to have been the motto observed by those who had any concern in the preparation for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and the conduct of its proceedings; and they fully deserve that meed of recognition and praise which it is sometimes the province of a journalist to render as a duty, and without favour or affection. At the time of opening the Provincial Grand Lodge, and during its proceedings, there were present:—

Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp Dep. P.G.M., W. A. Rogers Prov. S.G.W., W. Taylor Prov. J.G.W., Rev. S. T. H. Saunders Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. S. R. A. Butler Prov. G. Chaplain, F. B. Archer Prov. G. Treas., John Profitt Prov. G. Registrar, J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Sec., C. Graham Prov. G.D., W. Coombes Prov. G.D., W. T. Buck Prov. G. Supt. Wks., Samuel Larcomb Prov. G.D.C., C. J. Oxford Prov. G. Dep. D.C., J. C. Jessett Prov. G. Sword Bearer, C. W. Pridmore Prov. G. Standard Bearer, J. Osborn Prov. G. Standard Bearer, W. H. Lee Prov. Assist. G. Secretary, J. Featherston Prov. G. Pursuivant, J. G. Fisher, R. H. Williams, K. R. Montgomery and J. Ferguson Prov. G. Stewards, H. G. Buss P. Assist. G. Sec. Past Prov. G. Treasurer, T. C. Walls Past Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Rev. T. M. D'Orsey Past Prov. G. Chaplain, G. J. Dunkley Past Prov. G. Org., R. W. Forge Past Prov. G. D. of C., A. G. Fidler Past Prov. G.D., H. M. Gordon Past Prov. G.D., D. W. Pearse Past Prov. G. Reg., J. Tickle Past Prov. G. Reg., D. P. Cama G. Treasurer Past Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. H. Green Past Prov. G. D. of C., W. F. Laxton Past Prov. G. Reg., Geo. Kenning Past Prov. G.D., H. Lovegrove Past Prov. G. Supt. Works, T. W. Cooper Past Prov. G.D., C. L. Smiles Past Prov. G. Reg., J. J. Marsh Past Prov. G. Std. Bearer, J. W. George Past Prov. G.O., G. Fehrenbach Past Prov. G.D., C. A. Walter Past Prov. G.D., C. Veal P.P.G.D. Surrey, C. E. Keyser P.P.G.W. Herts, W. H. Dean P.P.G.D. Dorset, G. W. Dixon P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, H. Slyman P.M. 1637, J. T. Briggs W.M. 1503, A. Toulmin I.G. 1503, W. Wright D. of C. 1897, R. Masters 1656, H. W. Nicholson P.M. 382, T. Woodbridge P.M. 1194, G. Tegg P.M. 1237, O. J. von Holtorp S.D. 1897, E. A. von Holtorp 1897, W. Cock P.M. 1597, H. W. Smyth S.D. 1238, A. Edwards J.W. 1597, A. W. Gower P.M. 1238, J. P. Hepburn P.M. 1702, S. P. Gillard P.M. 1597, J. Sadler Wood W.M. 2024, W. J. Spratling P.M. 1293, H. Jordan S.D. 1310, H. H. Roome I.G. 1777, J. W. Clarke 1512, J. A. Allison P.M. 788, R. T. Fennell P.M. 1567, W. W. Lee 1897, W. D. Fracis J.D. 2105, W. Staley S.D. 1597, W. Sykes J.D. 1597, W. Ramsey W.M. 1777, J. Finch S.D. 1793, Fletcher Knight W.M. 1326, John Pillow P.M. 1793, E. W. Warner W.M. 1793, E. Rogers S.W. 1238, G. H. Carter W.M. 1702, F. Chandler W.M. 1656, John Read J.W. 2105, A. J. Grant P.M. 2094, T. R. Vassila S.W. 1326, J. Gillingham P.M. 1238, W. S. Dunkley I.P.M. 1777, E. Y. Joliffe P.M. 1460, W. Birrell P.M. 1310, J. Woodmason W.M. 1637, R. C. Hall W.M. 382, W. C. Williams S.W. 865, T. L. Roberts 354, J. K. Cama 342, W. Poupart S.D. 9, A. E. Staley P.M. 185, John Hill 1702, W. Iron P.M. 1579, W. Beard P.M. 946, A. Loft W.M. 946, J. K. Gwyn 1426, Thomas Roberts 611, A. P. Cranch P.M. 1669, J. A. Wilson 1326, W. Spearing W.M. 1512, R. Eales J.W. 1512, A. Tucker S.W. 1733, W. Blackburn W.M. 1733, Wm. Forty S.D. 1733, P. Monson S.D. 1194, W. J. Porter Org. 1793, G. L. Wingate P.M. 1423, Wm. T. Peat Sec. 1656, J. C. Radford P.M. 1420, H. Sapsworth 1656, G. Gregory P.M. 2087, John Jones 1897, H. Forss 1326, J. Lawrence J.W. 1326, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2048, A. C. Hunter P.M. 1494, P. A. Scratchley W.M. 708, S. A. Cooper P.M. 1637, J. Etherington W.M. 1310, T. Gurney P.M. 1309, T. Brown W.M. 1597, W. H. Rohrs P.M. 946, N. Goodchild 1637, L. M. Kaka 2105, W. Lovelock 1423, J. Beresford Ryley, M.D., P.M. 1423, E. A. Baber P.M. 1238, D. Argyle P.M. 946, E. Dalzell S.W. 1549, Thos. Noton P.M. 1309, S. W. Hanson 1706, J. Crook 1637, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, W. F. Marston Clark 255, J. H. Wood S.W. 1642, J. Baker 2024, G. Hayne 1612, H. Cutler 231, J. G. Redman 158, A. H. Scurrah 2048, H. Dickey S.W. 1744, F. R. Robinson 2032, E. Storr P.M. 167, G. Bugler S.W. 975, J. E. Gentle 1656, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, J. A. Hammond P.M 1563, E. E. Cooper P.M. 1494, F. Lane P.M. 788, C. E. Tinney P.M 1319, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master V.W. Bro. Raymond Thrupp in form, and the roll of 37 Lodges was called. Of these all but three or four were fully represented. On a subsequent call, by command of the Deputy G. Master, prior to votes on resolutions, this number of absentees was lessened. The minutes of the previous Prov. G. Lodge were read for verification, and the reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were read for confirmation. Three respective sums of fifteen guineas each were voted, on the motion of the Prov. G. Master by his Deputy, to the several Masonic Institutions for Girls, Boys, and aged Masons. On the motion of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, seconded by Wor. Bro. Japheth Tickle P.P.G. Reg., it was resolved:—"That the two Provincial Funds, viz., the Fund of Benevolence and the General Purposes Fund be merged into one Fund, in accordance with Rule 104 Book of Constitutions. The proposal of the Prov. G. Master, seconded by Wor. Bro. H. J. Buss P.G.A. Sec.:—"That the sum of £20 a year be allowed the Provincial Grand Secretary for clerical services, instead of £10 as in the past," was unanimously carried. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, being the next business, was preceded by the reading of a letter from the Prov. G. Master highly extolling W. Bro. Archer the Prov. Grand Treasurer for the manner in which he had hitherto discharged the practical duties of the office, and recommending his re-nomination. Amidst applause Bro. Archer was consequently re-nominated and re-elected. The Prov. Deputy Grand Master then proceeded to announce the appointment by the Prov. Grand Master of the following Officers for the year, viz.:—

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp	Deputy Grand Master
K. R. Montgomery	Senior Warden
J. Ferguson	Junior Warden
Rev. Spencer Buller	Chaplains
Rev. Jos. Baker	Chaplains
T. A. Woodbridge	Registrar
F. B. Archer	Treasurer
J. F. H. Woodward	Secretary
Dr. J. B. Ryley	Senior Deacons
G. P. Gillard	Senior Deacons
R. H. Williams	Junior Deacons
J. G. Fisher	Junior Deacons
W. A. Scurrah	Superintendent of Works
H. Slyman	Director of Ceremonies
A. W. Gower	Deputy Director of Cer.
R. W. Fenuell	Assistant Director of Cer.
A. C. Maybury	Sword Bearer

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W. Vassila	Standard Bearers
G. Tegg	Standard Bearers
John Read	Organist
W. H. Lee	Assistant Secretary
J. T. Briggs 1603	Stewards
E. Y. Jolliffe 1460	Stewards
Thomas Gurney 1307	Stewards
P. A. Scratchley 708	Stewards
E. E. Cooper 1494	Stewards
W. Tron 1579	
John Gilbert	Tyler

A petition for assistance from the widow of a late highly respected brother, a Prov. G. Steward for the past year, was read, and an immediate grant of thirty guineas was unanimously agreed to. Votes of thanks were passed by acclamation to Lady Freke, for the use of the Town Hall; to the Francis Burdett Lodge, 1503, for the use of furniture; and to the Sub-Urban and Citadel Lodges, for their kind presentation of a banner to the Provincial Grand Lodge. It having been remarked that the proper display of the new banner suggested a necessity for another as companion thereto, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, stated that the Lodge over which he now presides, the Henry Levander, 2048, would supply the suggested deficiency without delay. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then addressed Provincial Grand Lodge, congratulating the members on the great success which had attended the proceedings of the past year, and especially the present meeting. He desired, however, to make it known that several of the Secretaries of the respective Middlesex Lodges were very lax in the performance of that most essential duty, the making of returns at the proper time to the Provincial Grand Secretary—and he had the authority of the Provincial Grand Master to state that, if he had occasion to find fault for similar neglect in the future, he would most assuredly suspend the offending brethren from their functions. It was to be hoped that this intimation would prove sufficient to prevent the exercise of that power which the Provincial Grand Master held, but which it would cause him great regret to enforce. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Woodward, directed the attention of the brethren generally to the great trouble and difficulty in which the officials of Grand Lodge, and himself particularly, were placed by the neglect of attention to the request that intimation should be given in proper and stated time by those who intended or desired to partake of the banquet. On this occasion, he regretted to say, from 30 to 40 of the brethren who, within the past hour or two only had made up their minds to dine, would have to depart unsatisfied. It was impossible for him to help it; provision had been made, to the fullest extent available, for those who had taken and paid for their tickets, and he could not take money for that which could not be supplied. He hoped that the disappointment to some which this neglect on their part would occasion now, would in the future induce the brethren to attend to the requirement expressed in the summons, for the purpose of preventing such disappointment. A sub-committee having been appointed to revise the Bye Laws of the Province, Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the Provincial Grand Officers left the hall in procession.

The fine old Parish Church of Twickenham, St. Mary's, which, with the exception of the ancient tower, was rebuilt between the years 1714 and 1720, the roof of the previous Church having fallen in in the former year, at which date the celebrated artist Sir Godfrey Kneller was Churchwarden, is full of interesting historical associations. It is the last resting place of the poet Pope and his parents; and Kitty Clive, the actress, and many other celebrities of the olden days are buried here. To this sacred edifice a large majority of the brethren wended their way immediately after the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and were received with every mark of respect and attention by the Church officials. Prayers were read by the Rev. Willoughby Flower, M.A., the Curate. The lesson was the 3rd Chapter 1st Corinthians, and was read by Bro. the Rev. S. Saunders P.P.G.C., and the following interesting sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Spencer R. A. Buller, M.A., the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Mr. Walter G. Alcock, F.C.O., presided at the organ, and gave great expression to the solemn music of the proper Psalms xlviii. and cxxxiii., and the usual accompaniments of the service generally. Bro. Spencer Buller took his text from Col. iii. 23:—"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men," and said:—

BRETHREN,—Religion is not a matter for the Church and stated times of devotion only. It is for the whole of life, its business and pleasures, its cares and joys. Therefore, the poet Cowper says, "Mine be the friend less frequent in his prayers." Therefore the Apostle speaks so strongly, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin," "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." If ye are true servants of God, our daily life is our religion—our religion is our daily life. And this is in a marked degree true of the Order of Freemasonry. I do not propose to deal with Freemasonry historically, nor of course to speak of things unsuited to a general congregation, nor of things better known to many of my hearers than to me. But this is a practical age, and asks not so much what a man's antececents are as what is his present value. And though Freemasonry is a historical institution, it is also, notwithstanding criticism (to which all are exposed), a practical institution. Though I do not claim for it that it is a new Gospel or another faith, I do hold that it is, in its precepts and principles, in accord with Christianity, and if with Christianity, *à fortiori*, with all religion natural and revealed of which Christianity is the climax and crown. And I take this line for two reasons. First, that others may have a juster knowledge and appreciation of Freemasonry, and, secondly, that Freemasons themselves may be reminded that though users of forms they need not be formal, and that their ancient usages of rites and ceremonies, if the life does not carry out what the lips profess, become meaningless, nay, deserve to be called solemn hypocrisy. Freemasonry gives many proofs that this is not so; and my few words to-day have for their second object to deepen our sense of the spiritual and practical meaning of our Order. Religion has two sides, described in the Prayer Book as the duty towards God and the duty towards man; the first of cardinal importance, as being the foundation of all religion, the second declared by Christ to be like unto the first, the chief result and test of the first. What does Freemasonry teach about the first? It teaches reverence in the use of the holy name of God, thus being in agreement with the Jewish commandment,—Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; and the Christian prayer,—Hallowed be Thy name. It teaches the authorship and ownership of God in the world. His is the power and wisdom that made and rules all. In studying the laws of nature we are studying the mind of God. The very art of Masonry itself is an instruction, for there is no true art or science that does not obey or study the laws of nature, and the pursuit of art or science is therefore the exploring of the mind of God. "The Lord by wisdom has formed the earth; by understanding hath He stablished the heavens." It teaches the duty and inculcates the practice of invoking the assistance and blessing of God upon all labours; to which agrees the Psalmist's declaration—"Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it." It teaches the duty of devoting to prayer to God, as the Father who hears and answers, again to be paralleled by a thousand passages of Scripture. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears open unto their prayer." Such are some of the teachings of Freemasonry about the duty towards God, obviously most thoroughly in accord with the spirit both of Old and New Testaments. But it is when we come to the second part of religion—the duty towards man—that we find the teaching of Freemasonry so definite and Scriptural. The highest authority that ever spake on earth declared, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another." This is the test and proof of genuine and sound religion—usually the best—often the only—proof that man can see.

"There is—there is—one primitive and sure
Religion pure,
Unchanged in spirit though its forms and codes
Wear myriad modes,
Contains all creeds within its mighty span,
The love of God displayed in love of man."

HORACE SMITH.

Our Order teaches what some call the old-fashioned virtue of royalty. It teaches allegiance and obedience to the laws. Both are paralleled in Scripture. "Fear God, honour the king." "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but of God." Our Order teaches the brotherhood of men of different nations. It embraces men of varying race, language, and even creed. "Homo sum, nihil humani a me alienum puto," said the ancient Roman poet. He was in those days one crying in the desert. But now our Order, among many other associations, declares the return of the world to the truth revealed of old, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men." Again, Freemasonry teaches both that some are to be in authority and others under it, and also at the same time that social distinctions are not to be unduly pressed. Both of these are important truths. For one can only learn to rule by learning to obey, and at the same time the acknowledgment of the equality and brotherhood of men of various grades of society, and the consequent diminution of class feeling, are of manifold advantage to the body politic. The body of the Church, says Scripture, is "not one member, but many." If the whole were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now are they many members, yet but one body. Freemasonry teaches the duty of friendly help, company and sympathy. The words might have been written for us:—

"No! 'Tis not here that solitude is known,
Through the wide world he only is alone
Who lives not for another."

ROGERS.

The Masonic duties of courtesy, consideration, respect for the feelings and position of others; of liberal distribution to the poor; of sociability, hospitality, of respect for the rights of others; are also Christian duties, and go to make up that virtue which St. Paul calls charity, "The very bond of peace and of all virtues;" the jewel of great price, without which the Christian, though he had all gifts and powers, is nothing. For the ardent belief in, and realization of God, which is faith, shall one day be lost in sight. The

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story and beautiful grace of hope, the assurance of the saints, the "anchor of the soul," shall give place to fruition. But "charity never faileth," and the humble plant that in the poor soil of earth, amid the storms and heats of temptation and times of dangerous prosperity, produced a little crop of fruit, little, yet acceptable to God, when transplanted to a better world, watered by the river of life, sunned in the presence of God, shall bring forth much more abundantly fruits worthy of heaven itself.

I have said these few words by way of illustration, not in exhaustive treatment of my subject. It is not to be denied that there are dangers in Freemasonry. Even its virtues may pass into vices, for a vice is often but a virtue exaggerated. There is the danger of formality; of regarding the forms, to the exclusion of the spirit. There is the danger of the virtue of sociability, and friendliness, and hospitality, being turned into luxurious and excessive feasting. There is the danger of the admiration of our Order, and the practice of the liberality it inculcates, being converted into self-complacency and Pharisaism; your very gifts to the poor partaking of this nature. There is nothing in this world, however good, that may not be perverted. Ours be it, however, to adorn our Order by a virtuous life, that though modest cannot be hid, that Freemasonry may be held in honour of men, and much more, that we may please Him who seeth in secret.

A fervent appeal on behalf of the St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, founded by Miss Twining, which is doing a great work in the neighbourhood, concluded this admirable address, and was responded to by a contribution of Ten Guineas to the Hospital Fund.

The banquet was held in the Town Hall, where about 120 brethren were seated. The exertions of Bro. Woodward Prov. G. Sec., and of his assistant Grand Secretary Bro. Lee, to both of whom our especial thanks are due for courtesy and attention paid and information given to our representative, had fully secured the comfort of all the guests in respect of accommodation, and it could have been wished that the caterer on this occasion had more generously seconded their efforts in respect of supply and service. A few complaints were heard here and there, as to certain wants and wishes usually accompanying an unsatisfied appetite; but good temper and a friendly allowance for probable difficulties occasioned by non contiguity to hotel reinforcements prevailed over slight disappointments, and by the time the cloth had been (figuratively) cleared, the company generally were genially disposed to forget shortcomings and to enter upon an hour or two of social enjoyment. This was provided for in no mean measure, by an excellent programme of toasts and music, the latter under the direction of Bro. Chas. Stevens P.M. P.P.G. Org., who presided at the pianoforte, and is to be congratulated on the services rendered by such well-known musical brethren as Bros. W. Sexton, T. W. Hanson, Arthur Cranch, C. E. Tinney, and W. W. Lee. Grace having been sung, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, prefacing his observations by stating that "good music" would take the place of "long speeches," gave in due order the principal Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were honoured in Masonic manner and by musical accompaniments. In giving the toast The Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Bro. Thrupp very pertinently referred to the services to his country which had been rendered by Lord Carnarvon as Viceroy in Ireland, and that whilst acting in that capacity he had not failed to keep touch with the Craft, who generally admired and respected him as a most courteous and able ruler. Referring to the Grand Officers, Bro. Thrupp welcomed the presence of Bro. Buss, Past Assistant Grand Secretary, whose "dear old face" was so familiar to the present company; and also that of Bro. D. P. Cama, now the Grand Treasurer for English Masonry, and whom he knew well Middlesex would receive in terms of hearty congratulation on his recent election to that office. The toast generally, and the two distinguished brethren named particularly, were received with much enthusiasm. In response, after a few brief remarks from Bro. Buss, Bro. Cama said that such a graceful act on the part of the presiding Brother as that of recognising his presence so cordially would cement feelings amongst Freemasons at home, and in his native country, which could not but benefit the Craft. This was the first time he had been called upon to reply on behalf of Grand Officers, and for the privilege of the present moment he had to thank those whose suffrages had raised him to so distinguished a post of honour. He desired to say that he thought more highly and proudly of his elevation by such means than many might suppose. In his humble person had been proven the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry; and the universality of its principles had been distinctly shown by the fact that difference of race and creed had not prevailed to prevent the inevitable result amongst Masons of just recognition of "the tongue of good report." The thanks he now offered were sincere and heartfelt; his future actions should prove their strong hold upon his mind, and the brethren might rely that the confidence which had been reposed in him should never be abused. On the conclusion of his most excellent speech, delivered in fluent English, and without the least hesitation, Bro. Cama received an ovation from the brethren which must have afforded him much gratification. In the absence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, and in proposing his better health, the Chairman found an opportunity for saying much that could not have been said so freely in his presence. To repeat the laudatory remarks so justly made as to the performance of his duty as the Masonic Chief for Middlesex is equally unnecessary here; for the superlative of excellence in that respect, as well as in those of geniality and courtesy, in private association with his brethren, could not exceed that which is his "just due." A most cordial reception was given to the toast; as also to that which followed, by Bro. Buss, in honour of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and President of the day, V.W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp P.G.A.D.C., than whom it may be fairly said, without detraction from any of his predecessors, no better Mason has ever filled such position. Bro. Thrupp, in his response, held to his decision of the earlier part of the meeting, and made his reply of the briefest, in order to propose the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, whom he congratulated on their appointments, believing that the Provincial Grand Master had made a good selection, and that none of their associates would "envy them their preferment." In the course of his speech, Bro. Thrupp referred in eulogistic terms to the special services of the present Grand Wardens, and more directly to the excellent sermon or oration delivered that afternoon by their Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. Spencer-Buller, than which he might say, though he had heard many, he had heard none better. To this toast Bro. Montgomery replied, congratulating his colleagues on their accession to rank in one of the largest Provinces in England, thereby securing as it were a greater honour to each individual brother, at the same time that it imposed upon them stronger reasons, if such were needed, for the strict performance of their Masonic duty. The Visitors next received a hearty welcome, the Chairman naming several, but more especially, in consideration of special services, Bros. Poupart, Dean, and J. K. Gwyn. Alluding to the former, Bro. Thrupp remarked on his many excellent qualities, and characterised him as liberal and generous to friends and neighbours alike in his parish of Twickenham. Bro. G. S. Graham having been requested to perform his organophonic solo, whistled away the interval before Bro. Poupart responded on behalf of the Visitors, and expressed their sense of pleasure with the entire proceedings of the day. Bro. James Stevens answered repeated calls, and also responded, with congratulations upon the entire success of the meeting, and the harmony and concord which had prevailed throughout its proceedings. After further musical entertainment, the "Tyler's Toast" was given, and "road, river, and rail," were speedily requisitioned to effect a separation, the brethren carrying away with them the memory of a most happy day spent in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.

The Consecration of the Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048, in the Province of Middlesex, will take place at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station (London and North Western Railway), on Saturday, the 19th instant. The ceremony will be performed, at three o'clock, by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., who will be assisted by Most Excellent Companions R. Thrupp Prov. G.H., W. Taylor Prov. G.J., W. H. Woodward Prov. G.S.E., H. Lovegrove Prov. D.C., and other Provincial Grand Officers. Comps. W. M. Stiles P.Z. 1507 is the M.E.Z. designate, W. A. Scarrah J. elect 749 the H. designate, and J. Willing P.Z. 1507, &c. the J. designate.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 12th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 14th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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).
448—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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—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)
1923—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham

R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Parley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
478—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
487—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
497—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
498—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
580—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
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—Pentalpha, Inn Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fenton Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
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
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn

TUESDAY, 15th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jeppe, Champion Hotel Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Great Dartmouth, Stepney (Instruction)
765—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Inst. ...ony)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
870—Dalhousie, Crown 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.)
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, Larkhall Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Belgrave, Chemicals, Allen-street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, South Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, 684 White Hart, Lordship High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
[illegible] 5—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. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet street, E.C.
R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
249—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
262—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Venturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Calender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Boodle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 16th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1417—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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
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
127—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
17—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
20—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
216—Duke of Atbol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
327—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
349—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
388—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
397—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Wagon, Shipley
586—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ockbrook
681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
694—Devonshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Chesterfield
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Red Lion Hotel, Manchester
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warnle, near Rochdale
823—Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Tonbridge, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1015—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1016—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1035—Walton Saddlersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1116—De Loraine and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1334—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 110 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Abercairn, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plymstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Padiham
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shuttleworth
1682—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)

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171—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1968—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 7[illegible]3—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 17th JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Inst. [illegible]ction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burpett 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)
1486—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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
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. 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
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
433—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Dunham House Northallerton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dean House, Lindley
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
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—Gladstmuir, 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, 18th JUNE.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
1975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (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)
1769—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.
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
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
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Shadoxhurst
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
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
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, 19th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
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. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Harrow
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow. (Consecration)
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

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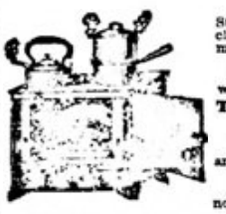

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ATTENDANCE AT LODGE BANQUETS.

IN our report of the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, which appeared in our last issue, reference is made to a complaint of the Provincial Grand Secretary, concerning which he will receive, as he is justly entitled to receive, the sympathy of a large number of his brother Masons. The complaint of the Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex was rendered necessary by the great trouble and difficulty in which the officials of the Province, and himself especially, were placed by the neglect of attention to the request that intimation should be given in proper and stated time by those who desired to partake of the banquet. This cause of complaint is one which has arisen, we may almost say, in every Lodge where a banquet has followed labour, and for which it has been necessary to give some prior notice. Of course the inconvenience to which the Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex has drawn public attention is not so marked where meetings are held at one or other of the large establishments of the metropolis, or more important Provincial towns, as in such cases an unexpected influx of visitors is usually met without any apparent difficulty, but even then we can form little idea of the trouble entailed on those who have to provide, and it is questionable if some such cause does not account for the lack of comfort or attention of which members have occasionally to complain, at really the best establishments. At small, or even moderate sized hostelries, however, it frequently happens that everything is upset by this neglect on the part of those who intend to be present to take any notice of the request that they will signify their intention a day or two before the meeting, although we imagine there cannot be any reason to excuse them from complying with so modest a request. By their neglect they not only upset every arrangement, but they make themselves and every one else uncomfortable, while they may even go so far as to inflict actual wrong on those who have been more observant of the regulations framed for the general comfort. A banquet at which it is expected some thirty or forty will sit down is not usually intended to satisfy fifty or sixty, and the forty present who gave notice of their intention to attend have a just cause of complaint against their less careful brethren, who are really interlopers, if they run short of what they consider their due. We are afraid that little improvement will result from any words we can write on this point, but in directing attention thus pointedly to the subject, we would suggest that a hard and fast line should be drawn as a means of creating an improvement. At the meeting to which we have specially referred, some thirty or forty brethren, who only made up their minds to dine within an hour or two of the banqueting hour, had to depart unsatisfied, and so it should be with all who do not comply with the rules which they are asked to follow, not with the view of binding them to an unreasonable course, but simply in the interests of good order and regularity. We have often been present at meetings where a larger number of brethren have sat down to banquet than were provided for, and we can look back on some of these as the most uncomfortable hours we have spent in Masonry. The opposite view of the question applies with equal force, only that in such cases the Lodge is often a sufferer from a strictly financial point of view. The officials of many of our Lodges have to name a minimum number when they give the order for a banquet, and as it has come to be recognised as almost impossible to get a definite reply from those likely to attend, they are forced to make a guess at the number to be ordered for. The result is that perhaps six, ten, or more dinners have to be paid for than have been supplied, and although this may appear a hardship on the members of the Lodge, it is no worse, nor so bad, as throwing the loss on the caterer. If forty are ordered for, provision has to be made for forty, and the custom is to furnish so amply that if four or five more attend there shall be no lack of provisions, but if only thirty-five set down there must be a positive loss, which in justice should be borne by those who cause it. Brethren would do well to remember, then, that if they have no consideration for their own comfort, they ought to show some consideration for the comfort of others; further than this, they have no right to so far neglect their duty as to cause a loss, either to their Lodge, their friends, or the caterers. Most undoubtedly the neglect of brethren to notify their intention to be present or otherwise, whenever properly requested, is productive of loss, and may well be considered as a grave neglect of duty. It is only by following the plan adopted at the recent Middlesex meeting that any improvement can be hoped for. If brethren will not reply, no provision should be made for them, and they should not be allowed to attend the banquet to the inconvenience of others, and the creation of general confusion.

"DESECRATION," OR SACRILEGE?

IT is not often that we obtrude matters of a personal nature upon the attention of our readers, but there are times and circumstances which sometimes render it necessary that they should be brought into prominent public notice, especially when, as appears to be the case in the present instance, vital principles are involved. We are prompted to this observation by the correspondence that has appeared recently in our own and other columns respecting an act of Vandalism alleged to have been perpetrated at the Surrey Masonic Hall, which, if proved to be true, demands, and should receive, the most searching examination and inquiry. The history of the Surrey Masonic Hall, and the inception of the movement which led to the erection of that useful and stately edifice in the Camberwell New Road, may be here briefly reviewed in connection with an episode that has grown into serious, if not scandalous, proportions. By reference to the files of the journals of the Craft we note that on the 29th of May 1874 an interesting and imposing ceremony was witnessed, under the auspices of a Company that had been formed for the purpose of providing a "local habitation" for many of the Lodges whose meetings were held in inconvenient rooms on the southern side of the Thames. We know the objection that many of the brethren entertain to the assemblages of the Order being held at public houses—an objection which, by the way, is far more pronounced amongst the members of the Craft in America and the Colonies; and with the view of obviating this necessity, and at the same time of organising a commercial enterprise which gave every promise of pecuniary success, the Surrey Masonic Hall Company was formed. It was reasonably assumed, after due deliberation by the promoters, that such a building, if not confined exclusively to Masonic purposes, might be made to pay a substantial return

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upon the outlay involved; besides which, it would be the means of placing within the reach of several of the Lodges who chose to make use of it, a veritable "home" and most suitable Temple, in which the ancient ceremonies of the Craft might be carried on reverently and in order. By the accounts published at the time, and to which we have already briefly alluded, it would appear that the "plans of the ground buildings and all the details of the inner arrangements betokened an anxious desire to make the structure alike suitable and fitted for our Masonic ceremonials and the comfort and convenience of the brethren;" and those who have had an opportunity of visiting the Hall within the last ten or twelve years will not fail to admit that all these conditions have been amply verified. Those who have met there most frequently have realised how much the privacy, the independence, the comfort, and the self-respect which a freehold Lodge building affords, and that the Hall has reflected the highest credit in all respects upon those who planned and carried its arrangement to a successful issue. True, the history of the undertaking has been somewhat chequered, like the histories of many such institutions are, but nevertheless in the result it has developed into a system of convenience of which the brethren and many outside the Craft would be very sorry to be now deprived. We have frequently had the pleasure of assisting in some of the important ceremonies enacted there, and whether in the Lodge room or in the convivialities that followed, we have been impressed with the entire suitability of the whole interior economy of the establishment.

Returning to the subject more immediately under consideration, however, namely, the laying of the foundation-stone of the Hall, now just twelve years ago, we find that a numerous and distinguished company of Masons assembled on the occasion, all of whom appeared in Masonic clothing, for which a special dispensation was granted to Bro. James Stevens, by the then Most Worshipful Grand Master the Marquis of Ripon. Bro. Stevens, who is better known now than he was then in the Masonic world, as an author and lecturer, was at that time Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and was moreover Chairman of the Directors of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company. In those positions he naturally formed a prominent figure in the gathering around which such a vast amount of interest and importance clustered. We are told that the display of bunting in the vicinity of the site was "lavish in the extreme," and the assemblage of a vast crowd in Camberwell New Road bespoke an attraction of no ordinary character. Many of the brethren whose names we observe amongst those who were present on the occasion will doubtless retain vivid memories of the scene presented along that much frequented thoroughfare, when the labours of the Company assumed such practical and gratifying shape. The interior arrangements were very complete; and these, the report goes on to say, "generally fell very well on the shoulders of Bro. James Stevens, to whom the greatest praise is due for the admirable manner in which they were carried out." Amongst the selections of music played by the military bands was a march founded on Bro. Stevens's now familiar Masonic song, "What better theme than Masonry?" and the ceremony of laying the stone was performed in perfect manner by Colonel Francis Burdett, as Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. In the course of his address the gallant Colonel (now Sir Francis) spoke of the building as one which they hoped would last for a great many years, and be a benefit not only to those who prompted it, but to the Order in general. He hoped the Craft would support the building, which had been undertaken by several members of the Craft—most enthusiastic men and Masons. The "perfect stone" having been well and truly laid, well squared, level and perpendicular, Bro. James Stevens presented the Provincial Grand Master with a drawing of the building, and expressed the hope that the proceedings of the day might make a very lively impression upon all who had attended them, and on other members of the Craft, and lead them to do all they could to render the structure thus commenced a credit to the Craft, a useful building for the neighbourhood, and an honour to all concerned in its construction. They adopted one of the principles of the Craft's teaching, namely, Faith, without which they could not be Masons at heart; and they adopted it in the same spirit that actuated Sir Christopher Wren in the erection of the great metropolitan cathedral of St. Paul's, who acted as a true Mason should, and never rested till the building was completed. The Provincial Grand Master having received the picture at the hands of Bro. Stevens, with "lively satisfaction," the proceedings were completed in form, and at the subsequent banquet the latter occupied the seat of honour on the right hand of Col. Burdett, who proposed Prosperity to the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. James Stevens as its Chairman. The customary amenities, of course, followed, and the name of Brother Stevens was throughout a theme of the utmost laudation and congratulation. In one of his speeches the Provincial Grand Master observed that they all knew he (the speaker) had done a great deal in Freemasonry, but still if it had not been for the support he had received from such brethren as Bro. Stevens and other members of the Province to which he belonged, he should never have held the office he now did.

Having recounted, probably at as great length as necessary, the proceedings which characterized the laying of a memorial-stone under such brilliant and stirring auspices, the grave and important question now presents itself, as alluded to by our correspondents, how and by what means the "extraordinary phenomenon" occurs that the name of the Brother who tooked so prominent a part in the movement, should have been erased from the stone, and supplanted by another? The question is so startling in its character, that at the first blush it might well cause men to pause, and answer it by another, "Can such really be the case?" One writer, whose letter appeared in our issue of the 29th ult.—curiously enough the twelfth anniversary of the laying of the stone—observed that the stone has the name of our much-esteemed Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett inscribed upon it, along with the names of other worthy brethren of lesser note. He adds, "now, one of these names always appeared to be haunted, if I may use the term, by another, on which it had apparently been superimposed, and the ghastly name was always more or less indistinct, influenced, probably, by atmospheric changes, and having one in the depths of conjecture as to what the *nomen in quo* was." Underneath this satire, the drift of which is readily comprehended, by those who have read what looks like a Masonic romance, we have a clue to the problem which is just now puzzling so many of the brethren and ourselves. He adds, "On looking at the stone on the last occasion I visited the Hall, I was surprised to find the prominent name (Bro. James Stevens's) had disappeared *in toto*, while the underlying one had, doubtless by some molicular disturbance (!) of the stone, come boldly up to the surface!" It scarcely needs the aid of a microscope to see the hidden meaning of sentences so pithily put, but in plain language it means, that the name of the then Chairman of the Company, the prime mover in the scheme, the Worshipful Master to whom the special dispensation alluded to was granted, and the honoured guest at the ceremony, has been expunged from the stone, and another substituted for it. No Vandalism surely could go much further than that!

But another correspondent writes to say that the letter above quoted induced him to make a personal examination of the Memorial Stone, and we can scarcely be surprised to hear that "I was literally astonished by what I saw. The stone has been tampered with, and I may almost say *desecrated*, by the treatment it has received." After giving an outline of the ceremony of laying the stone, the gist of which appears at the commencement of this article, the writer observes, "the worthy Brother who then bore the heat and burthen of the day," as Chairman of the Company, was the hero of the hour, and received the warmest acknowledgments of all concerned. *His name was then engraven on the temple face of the stone* (the italics are our own), in its proper place amongst the names of other Directors. It has been ruthlessly removed, and the name of some unknown brother substituted. Why? Can any reason whatever justify interference with a truthful record? I think not; and it grieves me to see so startling an evidence of Anti-Masonic feeling exhibited in a place which had been solemnly dedicated to Brotherly love and *Truth*."

Here, but for the principle involved, one might leave the matter in the hands of impartial judgment and the moral responsibility of those "whom it may concern" to clear themselves from a stigma of the most dishonourable and scandalous character. The charge is laid in plain language, and is made with no uncertain sound. On a memorial stone dedicated to sacred and solemn purposes (for we hold that Masonic purposes are as sacred and solemn as those

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of the Church itself) the name was engraven of a brother who had taken the most active part in the erection of a "stately and superb edifice." That name has been "ruthlessly removed, and the name of some unknown brother substituted." Well might our astonished correspondent ask the reason why, or by what reason, such a wanton act of spoliation can be justified. We unhesitatingly and emphatically answer *none*; and it is now incumbent upon those who have had any hand in the shady transaction to clear themselves of the imputation which has been cast upon them. We should like to know what would be said by the Craft were any sacrilegious finger laid upon any of the honoured names inscribed on the memorial stone at Freemasons' Hall." And the same principle applies to every building in the land dedicated to the same "sacred and solemn purpose." This is not a merely personal question, but one which affects the Craft, and indeed society at large. There is no justification for the defacement of any foundation stone, however humble may be the structure, or to what purpose it is dedicated, and we regard this instance as the most flagrant one—the only one in fact—which has ever been brought under the notice of an indignant public. It will not be sufficient that this act of some Goth, prompted no doubt by private pique, should be exposed; it must be explained and atoned for in order to prevent a scandal on the Craft. Even the restoration of the stone to its original condition would not relieve the culprit who perpetrated such a sacrilege from the contempt of honourable men and Masons. We have no idea who the "evil disposed person or persons" may have been, but it is the duty of those who are most deeply interested in the Surrey Masonic Hall, and in the Craft generally, to take care that no such a blot as this should longer remain upon their escutcheon. We shall expect to hear considerably more of this unpleasant matter, unless some explanation is at once forthcoming, which we sincerely hope may be the case, for the satisfaction of all concerned, and especially for the sake of the individual who has the greatest reason to feel insulted and aggrieved.

MASONRY'S ASPIRATION.

An Oration by Rev. Bro. George McClellan Fiske at the Dedication of the New Masonic Temple in Providence, Rhode Island, 3rd February 1886.

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AND then, as in the course of time the true religion dawned and lighted up the world, the workmen found that its teachings, its sympathy, its hope, its faith, its charity, its glorification of labour in divine injunction and by divine example, its common bond of life, could embellish and intensify their fellowships, so that religion came to lend tone and colour and sacredness to their union.

Under the consecration of the world-wide faith, we came into that almost weird and shrouded history of the mediæval builders, knit together in societies wherein prayer and labour went hand in hand, and faith wrought with their works, and devotion breathing on all they did, made all their fabrics acts of worship and belief. The spirit of the Masonic Order, as it lives and speaks to-day, in grave and reverential ritual, in offices and precepts, is hereditary from that era. Let Masons all remember this, for it is the glory of our Order.

A distinguished writer says that the founding of Freemasons' Lodges introduced a distinct style of architecture, the Italian-Gothic. It is not faultless. What human work is such or can be so? But listen to his description of the exceeding glory of that style. "The characteristic defects and excellencies of the style might be fairly illustrated, if any one had the heart to stand in the square at Milan and lecture on that glorious marvel, unawed by the four thousand glorious sentinels that keep their eternal watch upon the roof, through the haze of summer's sun, and the wavering gleams of the full nightly moon, which seems to multiply the shadowy figures, with her unsteady illumination. But Milan in the moonlight disarms criticism. When the moon's full splendour streams on Milan's roofs, and overflows upon its lofty buttresses; when the liquid radiance trickles down from the glory-cinctured heads of the marble saints, like the oil from Aaron's beard, and every fretted pinnacle, and every sculptured spout ran with light as they might run with rain in a thunder-shower, who could dare to say there was a fault in that affecting miracle of Christian art?"

Remember, my brothers, the *spirit* which inspired a work like that is the spirit which by just inheritance ought to reign in this Masonic Temple; nay, more, in every Mason's heart to-day. Let us not repudiate such a past, nor trifle with it, as if it were but a painted piece of histrionic scenery that forms a becoming background to our acting. Let us not do despite and dishonour to such a glorious past. Let us make something more of Masonry than a mere masquerade, which only looks like and talks about the past, while it really disowns the *spirit* which left in that past much that was glorious and divine.

Thus, the Cathedral at Milan, is but one instance out of the many trophies which our progenitors have left. They adorned the world, and brought succeeding ages as pilgrims to behold, to wonder, to believe, to adore, and to be taught by their mighty works.

Masonry was the brotherhood of scientific labour reformed and inspired by the power of the revealed truth of Almighty God.

To these traditions have been added the reminiscence of the lofty exploits of the Crusaders' warfare, connecting with the arts of peace the heroism, the self-sacrifice and burning love of the Christian soldier. Those wars subsided. The palmer, with sandals, staff and scallop shell, was seen no more along the highways leading to the Holy Sepulchre. The Templar, with legs crossed and the cross-hilted sword by his side, lay down in his last sleep. Masonry ceased to be a society of literal masons. But the order passed into another and sublimer stage. The spirit of Mason and Templar lived and still lives, and gathering together the golden threads of memory, the Order takes up the legend of craftsmen and of warrior, and retaining implement, weapon, habit, insignia and language, relates the parable of human life phrased in these outward symbols of the inner and imperishable truth.

These are the antecedents of Masonry—this Prophet which has so many followers in the swift current of our prosy modern life. It stands among men freighted with all this wealth of men's best deeds for man and God. Its mantle is that of piety and its heart is a house of prayer. It is alive in this new world—on these western borders of the earth—still living because its creed of faith in God and of dependence on His aid and grace is the same now as when Masonry was operative—the same now as when its tools, the gavel, the trowel and the square were in literal use on material substances of stone and marble.

The occupancy of a temple of this magnitude is an evidence that Masonry is a force—a progressive force, keeping pace with other forces that surround it. It is a power—a growing power. It is no antiquated or obsolete institution, which new thought or fresh activities have supersede or made useless. We are not compelled to seek for laboured eulogies of the Masonic Order. The uninitiated may smile or sneer as if Masonry were some solemn child's play, some sombre farce, enacted with over-much varied ceremony. Such know little whereof they affirm. Masonry is not pastime, mere spectacle, or scenery, nor is it a society existing for the shallow reason of mere society. Masonry exists and flourishes in the vigour and the grace of an immortal youth because it has to do with eternal things. It does not treat of time entirely, nor does it bind its sons together to enjoy and use things temporal. It is ever pointing stedfastly toward the realities unseen, but for that reason all the more truly realities, because they are eternal. As the world grows in security, in comfort, in culture, in refinement, we do not find the Masonic Order retiring to the background or diminishing in interest or in numbers. It has and holds its place among the choicest buildings, wherein men garner carefully their material treasures and the jewels of their affections. Among the massive piles where commerce buys and sells and gains and loses; among the academic groves and porches where Art and Science calmly meditate in learned leisure; among the consecrated aisles where religion seeks and finds, and bends the knee before its God; among the costly mansions where men bestow their household gods and find the reposeful sweetness of domestic life; among all these are found, conspicuous for size and elegance, the fanes of Masonry. The exchange, the cathedral, the college, the mansion—as features in the grouping of the picture of a great town—are now incomplete without the Masonic temple. This

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means something. It means that Masonry has taken its place as one of the dignitaries, as well as one of the utilities of human society. It has become one of the representative interests of society—even as the forum, the university, and the workshops are interests of society. And society, admitting the Masonic Order into the circle of its great and most important interests, may indeed look on this noble Order with grateful eyes. I will now speak of the munificent benevolence of those merciful ministrations in which Freemasonry cheers and relieves the weak and suffering members of society.

These benefactions are known to all men, and need no sounding trumpet to proclaim them. I would prefer to call attention to a fact not so often heeded, viz.: the protection which Masonry affords society. Some of quick ear are thinking that they detect the mutterings of social revolution beneath the surface of our republican life and manners. If there be such menace, and if it be a determined or a formidable one—let him who discerns its signs or hears its curses—let such an one glance up at this Masonic Temple as he walks our streets, and read in its outlines of at least one antidote of Anarchy or Communism, or any other form of rampant and selfish individualism. Masonry is a *guardian* interest in society. It calls together *men*, the heads, the rulers, the leaders—the bone, the brain, the sinew and the muscle of mankind, and trains them to realize the meaning and the purpose of life, and how to discharge duty in the spirit of responsibility to God and man. Any agency which does this is an agency for good—an agency for good order and fidelity. Such a school of allegiance to law and constituted authority is the Masonic Fraternity. Such a school of obedience, and industry, and fraternal harmony and kindness is something to be valued, and as such ought to be cherished by the world, which enjoys and appreciates its fruits.

The perpetuity of Masonry is conditioned on its maintenance of its illustrious past—or rather on its loyalty to the spirit which has made that past illustrious. With its enduring influence before it—in its prominent position as an element of life, and with all the questions bearing on life, and thought, and character, and conduct, which this age is asking. Masonry has a mighty mission opening before it. If we would have the world outside our walls understand and estimate us aright, we must properly understand and estimate ourselves. Let us try to comprehend the gravity of the mission on which Masonry goes forth among men. She goes out in the name of God—as a religious institution. We ought to realize this fact, and live as if it were something that we thoroughly believe, and as if it were something profoundly worth the living for and the believing in. God forbid that one should use the name of God, as a form, as a convenient name to conjure with before the world, while we practically ignore it, and allow it no place or power in our thought or our affections. Let us use the Order in a high-minded way—as a missionary to the lives, the immortal lives, of men. Masonry, even as the Church, suffers from the intrusion of unworthy motives, and of glaring inconsistencies. It is used as a means of acquiring worldly influence—for the accomplishment of selfish ends, for the fading crown of a short-lived personal popularity.

Let us not, my brothers, so degrade this sublime society. It is a society of men. It is an apostle going out—sent out from the Holy Church of God, to persuade men to love God and love each other more. Let us so perceive the mission of the Masonic Order, and so labour in and for the love of God to win men—the manly nature—to God. That, my brothers, I apprehend to be the real truth, the fullest truth as to the mission of the Masonic Order. It is embarked upon a mission to men—to preach true manhood, not the counterfeits and imitiations of it, which pass for genuine in common circulation, but true manhood, that manhood which deems its greatest glory to be measured by its fear and love of God. Be Masons for the good which you can do by being such. Be Masons for the love of God, which you may thereby spread abroad among your brother men, making them men of faith, men of devotion, men of honour, men of charity, men of good-will, to whom the peace of God came in the accents of a song from heaven.

The Masonic Order is again a loud rebuke, a protest and remonstrance against the hard, materializing spirit of the age. The whole Masonic system of teaching, the records of its whole career emphasise the fact that there is a soul in things and an inner meaning within life, and in all we see and are, and have, and use—a higher lesson than the most facile mechanism of being successful in the struggle for subsistence—and a happiness superior to the low, terrestrial enjoyment, after getting.

Masonry has spiritualised the common fact of work, and taught that life is not to "nourish a blind life within the brain," but, "knowing God, and lifting hand of prayer, both for themselves and those who call them friends.

> For so the whole round earth is every way
> Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Masonry had been suspected unjustly, and accused most falsely of hostility to the Church of God. Whatever grounds men may have for forming such opinions, those grounds were formed in individuals, and not in any avowal or disposition of the Order. The Masonic Order is the ally and the handmaid of the Church. Only in such a position can it do its work freely and as master workmen ought to do it. There is no rivalry between the two. There can be none. The Church is a society formed by God. Masonry is a society formed by men. When we have said that we have uttered the best possible disclaimer of anything antagonistic to the Church. Masonry is not a religion, and whoever would attempt to substitute it for the Church has misconceived its intention and its spirit, and will never rise into the strength and glory of its teachings.

A moment's thought will tell us that the Masonic Order can be strong, and deserve and receive confidence only as it works stedfastly with the Divine Society. It owes so much to the Church. The boast of Masonry is that it takes the Bible for its guide. It founds itself upon those oracles of God, the Law, the Prophets and the Gospel. The Bible is the central object, and the chief illumination of the duly constituted Lodge.

But what institution is the guardian and custodian of Holy Scripture? Where can we find a witness old and reliable enough to assure the Masonic Order that there is a Bible, and of what the Bible is? There is no institution from whose custody the Masonic Order received the Bible—there is no witness which can be brought as a reliable one, as to what the Bible is, and as to the certainty of its inspiration, save the Immemorial Church of God—the keeper and witness of Holy Writ.

Once again, the best writers upon Masonry tell us that Masonry in its present form includes as one of its especial ideas the idea of Cosmopolitan Brotherhood, and that this fact alone is enough to show that Masonry, as it now is, could not have been of very remote antiquity, because that idea of Cosmopolitan Brotherhood was unknown to and impossible in the ancient world. When and where, my brothers, did the world acquire that idea of Cosmopolitan Brotherhood on whose broad reputation Masonry has thriven? There is but one reply—on the day of Pentecost and from the Church of God. The idea of the Church, unlimited by race, or nature, or territory—the universal, Catholic body, embracing all the earth, and every creature, wherein was neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free. This idea is the teaching of the Christian faith which has levelled all barriers, and made the world to recognize itself as one flesh and of one blood, as sharing a common humanity; this idea, which the Church of God communicated to the world, has made the expansion of the Masonic Order a possibility and an actual fact.

My brothers, if the Masonic Order be true to itself—true to those influences which have made it great and good—if it continue to drink of that sacred fountain of its purest and sweetest inspiration, it will lose none of its beauty, its magnetism, or its energy. It ought to be a mighty influence for the things which are above. It depends for the present on us to see that it give no uncertain sound, and that it rise to and act in the true sense of what it is, of what it has been, and of what, please God, it shall for ever be.

One of the greatest traces of Masonry in architecture is, we are told, the pointed arch. The pointed arch, my brothers, you all know, at first sight, means aspiration. It points to heaven. It is the flaming upward of man's heart and soul to reach his God. Let us keep that allegory of his Pointed Arch continually before us as the ever-to-be-repeated triumph of our art. The Pointed Arch!—Aspiration—towards heaven and God. Aspiration toward that hope which He holds out, Who said, "O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest and not comforted, behold I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with

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sapphires; and I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord." To that bright consummation will we aspire. Aspiration be our watchword amid all the storms and discouragements of life; aspiration beneath the heat and burden of the day; aspiration toward the perfect Masonry of the City which hath foundations, which lieth foursquare, and whose length is as large as the breadth; the city measured by the angel's golden reed; the city wherein no temple might be seen because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. To that we will aspire—

"As wheeled by
Seeing spirits towards the East—
Where faint and far,
Along the tingling desert of the sky,
Beyond the circle of the conscious hills,
Where laid in jaspar-stone as clear as glass
The first foundations of that new, near Day,
Which should be builded out of heaven to God—
Jasper first—
And second, Sapphire; third Cholcedony;
The rest in order—last an Amethyst."

Voice of Masonry.

MASONIC REQUIREMENTS.

REV. BRO. D. J. McLEAN, of Arnprior, Ontario, in a recent discourse to his brethren, gave expression to the following excellent thoughts: One important object of our Society is to minister instruction; to teach men how to live pure and noble lives; to lead men to feel the importance and blessedness of cultivating moral habits. We seek to inculcate truth as opposed to falsehood in all its forms; honesty and integrity in all our dealings with our fellow-men, such as will stand the test even when subjected to the scrutiny of the All-seeing Eye. We seek to inculcate purity in thought, word and deed. We are instructed in such virtues as these by studying patiently the lessons suggested by the humble and common implements of daily toil, such as the square and compass, but more especially by scanning the perfections of the great Creator, as revealed in his works and words. We speak of the book of Nature, and what a book; every page is full of the glory of God, and well repays our careful study; fitted to inspire our minds with noble aspirations. We speak of the temple of nature; and what a magnificent structure; with the wide expanse of land and sea for its tessellated pavement floor; with the spacious firmament for its vaulted roof; with the everlasting hills for its massive pillars. Is not the contemplation and study of such a structure well fitted to raise our thoughts in adoring gratitude to the great Creator, saying: "All thy works praise Thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless Thee?"

But in order that we may interpret Nature aright, and learn the lessons which she inculcates, we must take the God of Nature as revealed in His Holy Word with us. We must hear his voice echoing on every side, and see His glory gleaming from all His works, the smallest as well as the largest. And if we are, as the principles of our Order require us to be, daily, patient and earnest students of God's works and words, such study will beget within us virtuous principles, which cannot fail to hallow and bless the world. A pure and virtuous spirit will purify and glorify everything it touches. A meek heart in which the altar-fire of love to God and man is burning, will lay hold of the most common things in daily life, and transmute them, like coarse fuel at the touch of fire into a pure and holy flame. Whilst our Order seeks to inculcate good and noble principles for the regulation of daily life, it cannot but prosper in the future as it has done in the past.

The only thing which can impair or injure our ancient and honourable Order, is our own unfaithfulness to the principles which we profess. Let us be true to our principles, and let us seek to commend them to the world by our honest, industrious, and moral lives. Our Order has not been weakened by its hoary antiquity. Marble, and porphyry, and bronze, have yielded to the effects of time, but passing years have only consolidated and strengthened our institution. It has generated and grown benevolent energies which have blessed mankind. Our Society needs no eulogy from my poor lips; it needs not that I should sound its praise. Let us only be true members of it—true to the principles which we profess—bound together in the bonds of a loving brotherhood—engaged in labours of love, and deeds of charity—living pure and noble lives; that will be the best eulogy, the best way to sound the praise of our Order.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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AMHURST LODGE, No. 1223.

A LARGE number of Brethren assembled on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Amhurst Arms, Rivershead, near Sevenoaks, where Bro. E. S. Strange W.M. presided; he was supported by the following Officers:—T. T. Birch S.W., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. P.P. Supt. of Works Treas., J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Sec., A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., P. Darnell D.C., C. Hooker A.D.C., Pascoe Org., S. Hall, A. W. Lloyd, and T. Baker Stewards. The following members and Visitors were also present:—Bros. A. W. Duret P.M., T. Baker P.M., E. J. Dodd P.M. P.P.G.O., C. Craig I.P.M., C. J. Dodd P.M., H. S. Strange, J. Fyfe, D. J. Kent, H. Crane, G. Dixon, G. J. Thornes P.M., J. F. McGeagh, Stevenson, P. Hamner, W. Barfoot, Pilliner, Townend, B. White 1637, J. Robinson 960, H. C. Jeffreys P.M. 902, N. H. Turner 1826, Wilson, G. A. Boyes, J. Wynman 188, &c. Lodge was opened in due and ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Harry Crane and T. F. McGeagh were passed to the second degree. Messrs. Nicholas Strange, N. Grimwell, and E. M. H. Staite, having been balloted for, were regular initiated. Both the ceremonies were performed in a most able and impressive manner by the W.M. Hearty good wishes having been given by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed in due form. The Brethren then adjourned to a first-rate banquet, provided by Bro. Waller. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Jeffries P.M. and Sec. of the Burgoyne Lodge, and Bro. Turner replied for the Visitors. Both expressed their pleasure at the working they had witnessed and the cordial reception they had received; and hoped they should repeat their visit. Some excellent singing was contributed by Bros. Crane, Pascoe, G. A. Boyes, Thornes P.M., Lloyd, T. Baker P.M., P. Dartnell P.M., and a recitation by Bro. E. J. Dodd P.M. P.P.G.O. So ended, in every sense, a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE last regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 12th inst. Present—Bros. Rev. T. C. Smyth P.M. P.D.D.G.M. of the Eastern Archipelago W.M., C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treas. S.W., Tudor Trevor P.M. J.W., W. M. Watson P.M. Secretary, Rev. H. S. Butler Chaplain, Rev. J. E. Player S.D., S. Scott Young J.D., J. J. Fretwell I.G., Chas. Middleton Dir. of Cers, Burrand Tyler, Tom Atkinson Steward, H. Milling, M. W. Jameson Assist. Sec., Arthur Butterworth, T. B. Robinson, B. Sykes Bailey, Lewis Howarth, and the following Visitors:—Thomas Myers W.M. 304, W. Cockerlyne 304, John Thrippleton W.M. 306, Thomas Dodds 289, Rob. Dayson J.W. 456, John W. Turner P.M. 521, Henry Shaw P.M. 521, John Dawson J.W. 521, A. W. Youings W.M. 1211, Charles Scriven P.M. 1211, W. J. Gwillam 1211, John Jacques P.M. 1211, Wm. Smith J.W. 1211, T. H. Good P.M. 1221, Robert Lees W.M. 1221. After Lodge was opened the W. Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. Henry Smith P.M. 302, 387 entered, attended by the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. Thos. W. Embleton P.M. 1513 Prov. G.S W., Edwin Woodhouse P.M. 2069 Prov. G.J. Warden, Rev. W. S. Turnball 1462 G. Chap., J. Binney P.M. 139 Prov. G. Registrar, John C. Malcolm P.M. 306 P.P.G.R., Rev. E. W. Makinson 289 P.P.G.C., James Bedford P.M. 301 P.P.G.D., Robert Craig P.M. 304 2069 P.P.G.D, W. F. Smithson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.D. Chairman Prov. Charity Committee, John Barker P.M. 1102 P.P.G.S. of W., H. T. Gardiner P.M. 458 P.G.A.D.C., Thomas M. Holmes P.M. 1515 Prov. G.D.D.C., Thomas Crossley P.M. 1311 P.P.G.P. The minutes of the last Lodge having been confirmed, the first work to be done was the passing of Bro. Robinson, which was admirably performed by Bro. Mason, the working tools being explained by the I.P.M., and the charge delivered by the W.M., who followed in his masterly exposition of the Charge and Tracing Board in the second degree. Since the last regular meeting of the Lodge, the wife of Bro. Wilton Jones had died, and the W.M. moved, in a touching speech, a vote of condolence to Bro. Jones, which was seconded by the S W., and carried. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the W.M., in the name of the Officers and members of Prudence Lodge presented to Bro. Woodhouse P.G.J.W. an elegant P.M.'s jewel. In performing this duty, with his accustomed tact and ability the W.M. first recapitulated the circumstances which had led to the formation of the Lodge. It had long been thought desirable by a number of the leading Masons in Leeds that the success of the Craft would be materially forwarded if there were in existence a Lodge meeting on Saturday afternoon. Another idea of these brethren was, that if such a Lodge were conducted on temperance principles many gentlemen would be secured to the ranks of Masonry who otherwise might remain outside the Order. There was no desire on the part of the promoters of the Lodge to cast any slight on the existing Lodges; it was felt that there was room for all. The success of the temperance principle in Masonry was borne witness to by the fact that since the consecration of 2069, Lodges had been opened in various parts of the country as temperance Lodges. The choice of the founders for the first W.M. wisely fell upon Bro. Woodhouse, who at that time occupied the exalted position of chief magistrate of

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the large and populous borough of Leeds. He had indeed proved a tower of strength to Prudence Lodge. He first saw Masonic light in Lodge 521 (Truth), of Huddersfield, in 1861, and in 1868 he became W.M. of that Lodge. Increasing business calls caused him afterwards to retire from active Masonic work, but as the first W.M. of the Prudence, he showed that his Masonic faculties retained their pristine vigour, and whether in the administrative or operative duties of his office, he gave pleasure and satisfaction to all his brethren. Under his sway the Lodge had wonderfully prospered: the goodwill of the sister Lodges was handsomely given, and at th present moment the most cordial and amicable relationship existed—a relationship it would be his pleasure and pride to preserve. Prudence Lodge was second to none in the Province, considering the short time it had been in existence. The fact that the R.W. P.G.M. had instituted two of its members to high positions in the Province showed that at headquarters the Lodge was favourably regarded. He himself was Senior Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Woodhouse was Grand Junior Warden. He trusted that the jewel would remind Bro. Woodhouse of the esteem and affection in which he was held by his brethren; that it would also remind him of the two years he was Mayor of Leeds, in which office his wise and honourable principles endeared him to the whole town. In pinning the jewel on Bro. Woodhouse's breast, he reminded him that there was another and a brighter jewel, which he hoped he would ever retain—the love and friendship of his brethren and fellows. Might he retain in all its lustre that jewel until the Great Architect of the Universe was pleased to call him from these transitory scenes to that Lodge above whose Grand Master was the Great Jehovah. Brother Smith D.P.G.M. West Yorks expressed his pleasure at being present on so interesting an occasion. He trusted Bro. Woodhouse would long be spared to wear the jewel. There was no wonder that the Prudence Lodge was so successful seeing that it had so able and zealous a staff of Officers. Bro. Shaw having also born testimony to the regard that was entertained for Bro. Woodhouse in the Huddersfield Lodges, Bro. Woodhouse briefly and feelingly responded. He expressed his great satisfaction that the Prudence had been so successful, and that her relations with the sister Lodges was of so cordial a character. He had received many presents, but none would be more highly priezd by himself and his family than the P.M.'s jewel he had just received. The following is the inscription on the jewel:—

Presented by
LODGE PRUDENCE, No. 2069,
to its first Master,
BRO. EDWIN WOODHOUSE P.M.
Provincial Grand Junior Warden of West Yorkshire.
May 1886.

The jewel was of chaste gold, designed by Messrs. Spencer. In the centre of the ribbon the Arms of Leeds were finely cut and engraved, the upper bar bearing the word "Founder," and the lower one "Prudence, No. 2069" in white enamel. Hearty good wishes having been exchanged, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to "high tea." After which a very pleasant time was spent.

SUB-URBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore, when the following brethren attended:—Bros. G. H. Carter W.M., W. R. Shutt S.W. W.M. elect, C. Winstanley J.W., J. Tickle P.M. Treasurer, J. Hill Secretary, E. C. Kilsby S.D., F. J. Tyler J.D., J. M. Draper I G., A. J. H. Goldney, A. J. Oliver, G. Robinson, and J. Davenport Stwds., C. S. Buck I.P.M., J. F. Hepburn P.M., W. T. Buck P.M., R. W. Bilby, R. Coffee, J. J. Schloss, A. Bird, H. J. Forster, J. Tregaskis, and J. Very Tyler. Visitors—Bros. J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Sec. Middlesex, T. Vincent P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, R. Ousey I.P.M. 59, H. W. Ruff P.M. 95, Howard Ruff P.M. 95, J. H. Thomas P.M. 101, G. Brown P.M. 140, J. Fraser P.M. 174, J. Ellwood W.M. 179, J. Kew P.M. 179, L. Hart P.M. 180, F. J. Jeffs W.M. 435. F. S. Turner S.D. 534, H. Massey P.M. 619. 1928, T. Gordon P.M. 753, J. T. Crawford 766, G. Warren 813, G. J. Westfield 813, A. Hartman 907, J. J. Bell P.M. 1178, G. J. Thompson 1457, A. Weil 1540, S. Scherer 1540, R. S. Scherer 1540, R. Larchin P.M. 1541, H. W. Schartau 1549, W. Job P.M. 1632, G. Parrett 1259, A. James 1706, F. Bevan 1706, J. Dixon Past Master 1720, J. Best 1613, and J. Gibbs W.M. 1613. The business, after the opening of the Lodge, consisted of the reading and confirmation of the minutes and the reception and adoption of the report of the Audit Committee, which report, having been read by Bro. Bilby, called up some observations of a highly complimentary character on the ability and energy of Bro. J. Hill, Secretary, and the Brethren passed a unanimous vote of thanks to that brother in recognition of his energy on behalf of the Lodge. This done, Bro. Carter W.M. installed in admirable style Bro. W. R. Shutt as Master for the ensuing year; and the following brethren were invested as Officers: Bros. Carter I.P.M., C. Winstanley S.W., E. C. Kilsby J.W., J. Tickle P.M. Treasurer, J. Hill Secretary, F. J. Tyler S.D., J. M. Draper J.D., A. J. H. Goldney I.G., J. F. Hepburn P.M. D.C., A. J. Oliver A.D.C., G. Robinson, J. Davenport, W. T. Buck P.M., and J. Tregaskis Stewards. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were given respectively by Bros. J. Tickle P.M., C. S. Buck P.M., and J. F. Hepburn P.M. Bro. W. T. Buck P.M., acted as D.C. After the closing of the Lodge, a banquet of the choicest description was provided by Bro. Charles Veal, the proprietor of the hotel, who personally superintended the serving, and the brethren heartily enjoyed the repast. The usual toasts followed. Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, responding to the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, said (the W.M. having announced the intention of electing him an honorary member at next meeting, the compliment having been inadvertently omitted in open Lodge) that when he accepted the invitation to be present he had no idea of such an honour being about to be conferred upon him; but he accepted the honour with the greatest pleasure, as a mark on the part of the brethren that the work he had endeavoured to do in the province, under somewhat trying circumstances, had met with the satisfaction of the brethren of their Lodge. He had the gratification of telling them that a similar honour had the day before been conferred on him in another Lodge. He could not let the opportunity pass on this, his first visit to Stanmore, without thanking the Lodge for their kind reception of him. With 50 Lodges and Chapters in the province it was quite impossible for any one to visit them all, because if he visited them all, it would take him about 200 nights a year away from home, and he would be obliged to give up his business. He was sorry Sir F. Burdett was not present. That distinguished brother, he regretted to say, was ill, and in a very weak state, and had only just been able to leave his bed-room. He hoped this Lodge would annually send up the names of those brethren whom they wished to receive Provincial honours. As there were 38 or 39 Lodges in the province and only 25 offices, it was most difficult for the Provincial Grand Master to select suitable men—men who would give satisfaction to the Lodges themselves. If the Lodges would send up the names, he should have much pleasure in submitting them to the Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Tickle P.M. said he was pleased they were going to add Bro. Woodward to the list of members of the Lodge. He was much esteemed and a most popular Mason. He knew the brethren would make him welcome, and give him the reception his merits deserved, and he hoped Bro. Woodward would frequently come among them. There was no Lodge in England, let alone in Middlesex, which had his (Bro. Tickle's) solicitude so much as the Sub-Urban Lodge. Bro. Carter I.P.M., in proposing The Health of the W.M., said he and the W.M. had worked side by side for a good many years. The more he knew Bro. Shutt the more he esteemed him, and he believed that was the experience of all the brethren. The Worshipful Master said, in reply, that he was very grateful for such flattering remarks. He took it as a great honour to occupy the Master's chair, and he should do his best to perform the duties appertaining thereto, he trusted to the satisfaction of the brethren, and to the credit of the Lodge. Bro. T. Vincent P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, in response to the toast of The Visitors, proposed by the W.M., said there was a great affinity between the Provinces of Surrey and Middlesex. The counties of Middlesex and Surrey were united in the Mark Degree, and if they were not actually united in the other Degrees, they were in sentiment. It had been his pleasure on many occasions to be associated with the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. When he was first installed in the Claremont Lodge he had the pleasure of being supported by very many brethren of the Province of Middlesex, and especially by some of his esteemed brethren of the Sub-Urban Lodge. There seemed to be quite a friendship between the Sub-Urban and the Claremont Lodges; they visited one another; they were friends both in and out of Masonry, and he was quite sure they would always so continue. It was a great pleasure when two Provinces so nearly allied met together, and thoroughly appreciated the working. Whenever he visited this Lodge he seemed to receive a most hearty welcome, and he would, indeed, be ungrateful if he did not say he looked upon the Sub-Urban Lodge as a dear brother, and all the brethren as members of his Province. If he was to speak the sentiments of the brethren of Surrey he should say, long might the Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey continue brethren, and in every sense advance the great and glorious work of Masonry. Bro. G. Brown P.M. 140, said he came from a foreign county—Kent—and by selecting a foreign brother to return thanks for this toast the W.M. had done wisely. That being his first visit to the interesting and delightful Province of Middlesex, and associating with so many genial spirits and hearts, and so many clever Masons, he hardly felt himself capable of thanking the W.M. and brethren. When he received an invitation from Bro. Tickle, twelve months ago, it was a cause of grief to him that he was not able to come. However, the invitation being repeated this year, he could say he had never enjoyed himself either in or out of London more than he had that day. The brethren of the Lodge all appeared to have met with one common object, the enjoyment of themselves; but the pleasure of their visitors had been secured by them as a primary consideration, and it commended itself to the visitors in a very marked manner. He trusted at no very distant day that some of the Surrey and Middlesex brethren would find their way into Kent, where they flattered themselves they could do a good bit of Masonry if they put themselves to it. The W.M. in proposing the Past Masters, said the brethren all knew the very effective, business-like, and able manner in which the Masters of the Lodge had discharged their duties in past years. He could say a great deal in their favour, but time would not permit. To Brother Carter he had now the pleasure to present a very pretty Past Master's jewel as a small token of the regard of the Lodge, and he trusted he would enjoy good health and live long to wear the same. Brother Carter I.P.M. in reply said he thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the health of the Past Masters, and for the appreciative way in which he had spoken of himself. He also thanked the brethren for the gift of the jewel. He should always look back on his having occupied the chair of the Sub-Urban Lodge as an honourable event of his life—one of them, at any rate—of which he should always be proud. Brother C. Buck P.M. assured the brethren that the Past Masters fully appreciated the kindness of the brethren, and they would do their very best in years to come to forward the interests of the Sub-Urban Lodge. They had that interest greatly at heart, they had had it in the past, and they would have it in the future; and any assistance they could render the younger members to come forward, one and all would be happy to give. The W.M. in proposing the Treasurer and Secretary said the brethren knew the great interest Brother Tickle had taken in the Lodge—in fact, he was one of the Founders, and the Father of the Lodge. He had been its mainstay and had promoted its welfare and prosperity. Bro. Hill, the Secretary, had always carried out his

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duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and had also greatly promoted the Lodge's prosperity. Brother Tickle P.M. Treasurer said, in response, that if there was one thing more than another that afforded him pleasure to say, it was to express the pride he felt in filling the office of Treasurer of such a distinguished Lodge as the Sub-Urban. It had, perhaps, a humble name, but what it was short of in big sounding titles it made up for by the quality of its members. There was no Lodge in the Province where the P.M.'s, Officers, and rank and file did so much, and had done so much in the past, to fulfil the tenets of Masonry, and so long as the brethren strived in the future to do so the Lodge must hold its own in the Province. He must confess to a sense of great gratification at the result of that day's proceedings. They had had installed in the chair a brother who for a quarter of a century it had been his privilege and pride to call a friend, and he was only echoing the sentiments of all the brethren of the Lodge, and the Visitors, when he expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing such a good citizen and so good a Mason occupying that distinguished seat. They had had a few good and worthy Masons precede him, but if he might make use of an old saying, he might remark that Bro. Shutt had outheroded Herod. The W.M. had almost shut the other P.M.'s up in the efforts he had made for the brethren's pleasure that day, and he warmly thanked him for it. They had proposed that day to enrol among their ranks a most excellent brother, whom they had looked since his appointment as the Provincial Grand Secretary with the greatest pleasure, and the brethren might rely upon it that the Lodge would not be forgotten in the distribution of Provincial Grand honours. At the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge a Committee was nominated for the purpose of revising or framing bye-laws for the province. He (Bro. Tickle) was nominated on the Committee, and so was the Provincial Grand Secretary, who said he could not get on without Bro. John Hill; so it was evident that the Sub-Urban Lodge was beginning to make its way, and although it had experienced a full share in the past, it would not be ignored in the future. Himself and one other Past Master would do all they could to promote the success of the Lodge, and contribute to the happiness of the brethren. Bro. Hill, Secretary, while thanking the W.M. and brethren for the toast, said that, to borrow the words of a very popular play of the day, performed at the Savoy Theatre—"The lot of a policeman is not a happy one." Well, the lot of a Secretary was not a happy one. However, the brethren of the Lodge, he was sure, would do their best to help him carry out his duties. Whatever he had to perform he hoped they would not take it rough, for he loved them all, and he loved Masonry; and if the brethren would help him they would be helping the W.M. to have a most successful year of office. The Worshipful Master hoped the Officers, whose health he now proposed, would do their best to assist him in his duties, that they would make themselves perfect in their duties, and aim at filling the chair he now occupied. Bro. Kilsby J.W. (Bro Winstanley S.W. having been obliged to leave early) assured the Lodge, on behalf of all the Officers, that they would strive their best for the working of the Sub-Urban Lodge, in which they took so great a pride. It was his mother Lodge, and there was no Lodge he was so proud of. Whenever he had a chance of doing anything for it he did it, and he intended always to do so. They had a distinguished body of visitors, and everything assumed the colour of the rose. They always said there were great things in store for this Lodge, and no doubt there were. With Bro. Shutt in the chair the Lodge was bound to get on; with Past Masters like Bros. Charles Buck and Tickle, and with the many honoured Past Masters who had occupied the chair, the Sub-Urban Lodge must, in time, be the premier Lodge in position, and working in the province, for the members had always tried their level best to make it so, and it was quite certain that the best result must wait upon them in the long run. Bro. Bilby also responded. Bro. Tickle proposed the Masonic Press, for which Bro. H. Massey replied; and Bro. Tickle then proposed the Health of Bro. and Mrs. Veal, to whom the brethren were indebted for a beautiful ball, and for all the comforts they enjoyed at their meetings at Stanmore. Mrs. Veal was a most amiable and accomplished lady, from whose presence they had frequently derived great pleasure. Whenever the opportunity occurred she was always pleased to come and charm the brethren with her beautiful music, and her exquisite voice. She had exceeded herself that day in providing the banquet, and the brethren would wish both Bro. and Mrs. Veal long and prosperous years. Bro. Charles Veal said he need not tell the brethren this was not a Masonic toast. When he came into the room he was not at all prepared for the very kind reception the toast had met; but he could assure them that to him it was a very flattering one, and one that would convey not only to himself, but to his good wife and all belonging to him, that satisfaction which he knew the brethren would wish to convey to them for all their energies in contributing to the brethren's comfort. For his wife, his family and himself, and all belonging to them, he might inform the brethren that the red-letter day of the year to them was the installation meeting of the Sub-Urban Lodge. They had been the last three days and nights preparing for it, and their greatest delight and recompense was if they had given satisfaction. If it had realised the brethren's expectations, that was all they wanted. They had always looked on the Sub-Urban Lodge as really the mainstay of their establishment,—in a very great measure,—inasmuch as in a Masonic way every member of that Lodge had been their best of friends, and contributed in every way to assist them. He thanked Bro. Tickle for the kind way he had put the toast. As far as the efforts of himself and family went, they reciprocated every word he said, and they appreciated it. If any members of the Lodge came on any other occasion they would give them the same amount of assistance and attention as they had on that day. It was not only on great gatherings they bestowed their energies, they gave them also on small occasions, thus endeavouring to maintain the credit of the establishment. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 17th June, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherds Bush. Bros. Austin W.M., Cavers S.W., Sims J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Whittle S.D., Breitbart J.D., Jennings I.G., J. Davies Preceptor, Spiegel P.M., W. Williams, Molloy, Cross, Head, Wood, Craggs, Purdue P.M., Gilbert. After preliminaries, Bro. Molloy, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Cross, a candidate for raising, answered the questions, and the Lodge being opened in third degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Cavers S.W. was elected W.M. for next Thursday. Lodge was closed in harmony.

JUVENILE EMIGRATION TO CANADA.—Yesterday (says Wednesday's *Liverpool Journal of Commerce*) the Beaver line steamer, Lake Superior, the favourite steamer connected with this enterprising line, took out to Quebec another batch of youthful emigrants, consisting of 200 boys from Dr. Bernardo's Homes, and 150 boys and girls from Mr. Middlemore's Home, in Birmingham. The boys and girls, who were all smartly dressed and healthy-looking, and had the appearance of having been well cared for, were marched down to the steamer—the former from the Central Station and the latter from Lime-street Station. En route they attracted much attention, and upon their arrival on the landing-stage were loudly cheered, the stage at this time presenting a scene of great activity, owing to its being high water, and a large number of excursionists thronged to bid them a hearty farewell. Dr. Bernardo, with his assistants, and Mr. Middlemore, were present, the latter accompanying the children to Canada to superintend the placing of them in situations. He stated that, from reports he had received, he expected immediately on their arrival to have places for every child, the demand being so great. The character and conduct of each boy and girl had been carefully inquired into, with a view of making them citizens of whom Canada might be proud. Certainly, judging from their physique, they were all that could be desired, and will receive a hearty welcome in Canada. It was a noteworthy fact that all the children wore the blue ribbon. Mr. Roberts, the indefatigable manager of the company, with Mr. Wilson, the passenger superintendent, were present, the former most carefully superintending all the arrangements for the comfort of the youngsters on the voyage. The Lake Superior is evidently a great favourite, several batches having already been sent by her, and the efforts made by the Beaver line to meet this traffic are such as to ensure a very large share of the trade. Besides these, the Lake Superior took several hundred saloon and steerage passengers, with an average cargo.

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A MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held on Saturday, 19th June, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, at 3 p.m. precisely, when the Consecration of the Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2049, will take place.

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20th May 1886.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 3rd July, at 2.30 p.m. for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

The ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER will hold a Meeting for the reception of Candidates at 2.45. All names must be forwarded before the 30th June to Bro. Frank Richardson Prov. G. Sec., 28 Golden Square, W.; or to Bro. C. F. Matier Prov. G.M. Sec., Royal Bruce Chapter, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.

The Annual Banquet will be held at The Trafalgar, Greenwich, at 6.30 precisely.

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WHEN

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c. &c.
Will Preside.

ALL Master Masons are invited to be present, but on this occasion no one will be admitted without a Ticket, which may be obtained, on application, with proper Masonic references, of Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Provincial Grand Secretary, 9 St. George's place, Brighton.

By permission of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, Return Tickets, First and Second Class, at a Single Fare for the Double Journey on the same day, will be issued to all those who produce the ticket of admission.

After the Ceremony a Luncheon will take place in the Corn Exchange. Tickets for which—15s each, including Dessert and Waiters—may also be obtained, if required, by sending remittance to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

Bro. the R.W. Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, on Monday, the 28th June 1886, at 2·30 p.m.

Banquet at the Corn Exchange at 4 o'clock. Tickets 6s 6d each (exclusive of wine).

By command of the Provincial Grand Master.

ROBERT BRADLEY,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Reading, 5th June 1886.

SURREY.

Prob. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

THE R.W. BRO. GEN. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Monday, the 7th day of July 1886, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD jun. P.P.G. Reg.
Acting Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E., 9th June 1886.

P.S.—The Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon.

A dinner will take place at 5 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to W. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, Lloyds, E.C., W.M. No. 2096, 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 6th July next.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Croydon, 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.

Trains to W. Croydon—from Victoria, 12·10, 12·40; from London Bridge, 12·15, 1·5. Trains to E. Croydon—from Victoria, 1·30; from Charing Cross, 12·57; from Cannon Street, 1·9; from London Bridge, 1·12.

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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 Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, High Holborn, on Monday, the 28th June 1886, 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.

4 Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C.

Banquet at 6·30 o'clock, at the Holborn Restaurant. 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 24th June.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

THE annual Grand Lodge of the Province of East Anglia (which comprises the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire) was held at Cambridge, on Monday, the 7th inst. The Right Hon. the Lord Henniker R.W. P.G.M. presided, supported by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M.; and there were also present most of the P.G. Officers for the year, several Past Officers, and the Lodges in the Province were all represented. The minutes of the last meeting (held at Norwich) having been read and confirmed, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. N. Tracy) called the roll of the Lodges, the W.M.'s giving a satisfactory report of their several Lodges. The representative of the Albert Victor Lodge (Bro. Anness) said he was empowered by his Lodge to invite his Lordship to hold his next Grand Lodge at Ipswich, and should their invitation be accepted he promised to give P.G. Lodge a hearty reception. The report of the Board of General Purposes was also highly satisfactory, showing a slight increase in the number of members, and the Treasurer reported a small balance in hand, and no outstanding debts. On the motion of Bro. Graveley P.G.S.O., seconded by Bro. S. R. Anness P.G.D.C., Bro. Colonel Bignold was re-elected Treasurer. The P.G. Officers for the year were then appointed and invested, as follows:—

Bro. C. Geldard P.M. 112	Senior Warden
S. R. Anness P.M. 70	Junior Warden
B. Anningsôn W.M. 112	M.O.
E. H. Crate P.M. 145 P.G.C. Eng.	S.O.
A. H. Moyes W.M. 334	J.O.
Rev. F. B. Shepherd 342	Chaplains
Rev. R. Peek 70	Chaplains
J. Bond W.M. 317	Registrar
N. Tracy P.M. and Sec. 70	Secretary
C. A. B. Bignold M.O. 92	Senior Deacon
F. Hallows W.M. 205	Junior Deacon
Thos. G. Mills W.M. 145	Inspector of Works
J. C. Chittock J.W. 92	Director of Ceremonies
E. Hills S.W. 334	Assistant Director of Cer.
A. C. Durrant S.W. 243	Sword Bearer
G. B. Courtney J.W. 115	Standard Bearer
T. Winniatt Smith Organist 213	Organist
Richard Clowes S.W. 145	Inner Guard

V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., nominated the Right Hon. the Lord Henniker for reappointment by the M.W. G.M.M.M. as Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. He remarked that he thought if they searched the world through they would not find a brother for the important post of P.G.M. in whom they had greater confidence, or who had done more for the furtherance of Mark Masonry. The nomination having been seconded by Brother Colonel Bignold, and carried by acclamation, the R.W. P.G.M. thanked the Brethren for the heartiness with which his name had been received by them. If their recommendation was confirmed by the M.W. G.M.M.M., he promised, as he had done in the past, to do all he could for the welfare of Mark Masonry in the province of East Anglia. He had been pleased to hear so satisfactory an account of the condition of the Lodges under his rule, and he had no doubt that the acceptance by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the position of Grand Master of the Order would have the effect of increasing their prosperity. H.R.H. had appointed the 1st of July, in London, for his installation, and he trusted that their Province would be well represented on the occasion. He reminded the Brethren that the Grand Lodge of England would hold a moveable Grand Lodge at Norwich during the Show Week in July, and he hoped that the Brethren would show their appreciation of so distinguished an honour by attending in large numbers. The Prince of Wales would be at Sandringham at the time, and it was hoped he would be present at the meeting; but H.R.H.'s engagements were so numerous that it was not yet certain if he could find the time convenient to do so. As regarded the cordial invitation of the Ipswich Brethren to hold the next P.G. Lodge there, he should be happy to accept it, unless the P.G. Lodge saw any reason to the contrary. His Lordship then mentioned that the revision of the Book of Constitutions would necessitate the revision of the Bye-laws of the Province, and he thought that should be done without delay. He thanked the Worshipful Master and the Officers of the Isaac Newton University Lodge for their reception, and also thanked a brother, who desired to be nameless, for presenting a handsome set of collars. He likewise commended to the support of the brethren the Mark Benevolent Fund, and said he trusted that the Stewards who had undertaken to represent the Province would be well supported. A conversation then took place in reference to the arrangements for the Moveable Grand Lodge, at Norwich, the burden of which, his Lordship said, ought not to fall entirely on the Walpole Lodge. Colonel Bignold, as representing that Lodge, said they had been unable at present to ascertain what would really be required of them; and it was eventually decided that, as soon as this was known, a circular should be sent to the Lodges in the Province asking for their support. P.G. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed; and between twenty and thirty brethren dined together at the Lion Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by the host, Bro. Moyes. In the course of the evening a subscription was inaugurated on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund; it realised the sum of £10 10s.

On Tuesday, a deputation from the Porchester Lodge of Mark Masters, consisting of Bro. Stephen Knight W.M., and Past Masters John Bance, George M. Knight, and George J. Cosburn, waited upon Lord Carnarvon, Past G. Master of the Mark Degree, at Highclere Castle, for the purpose of consulting his Lordship on several matters connected with the arrangements for the Annual Grand Lodge for the Province of Berks and Oxon, which is to be held in the Town Hall, Newbury, about the middle of July. The deputation was received in the drawing-room by Lord Carnarvon, with his accustomed geniality and courtesy. Having been introduced to the noble Earl by Bro. Cosburn, the W.M., Bro. Stephen Knight, proceeded to address his Lordship, who, in reply, expressed the pleasure it had given him to receive the deputation, and stated that he should endeavour to attend, either the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Newbury, or the cold collation which will, by his Lordship's kindness, be served beneath a marquée to be erected in the park. It is expected there will be a large attendance of Mark Masons on the occasion, and arrangements will be made for conveying them to Highclere immediately after the conclusion of the Provincial Lodge business. The interview having closed, the members of the deputation were, on the invitation of Lord Carnarvon, entertained at luncheon.

In connection with our report, last week, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex:—*for* Bro. W. Tron 1579, as one of the Prov. G. Stewards, *read* Bro. W. Iron. At this meeting Bro. E. Gilbert was appointed Prov. G. Pursuivant, and Bro. W. S. Dunkley Prov. Assistant G. Pursuivant.

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PRAYERS IN OUR LODGES.

HAVING been consulted by the Chaplains of some of our subordinate Lodges, in reference to their official duties, we take this opportunity of saying a few words in answer to the question, "Does the Institution of Freemasonry ever require or expect from any of her members the sacrifice of their religious convictions?" To this question we answer, without hesitation, No! never. As you all understand, every candidate for our mysteries, having professed his faith in God, is assured that nothing will be required of him incompatible with any duty he owes to his family, to his country, or to his Maker. Yet, notwithstanding this, we fear that there is more or less misapprehension in relation to this subject—some holding the view, that because a candidate is only required to profess a belief in God, therefore our religious services and work should never rise above an elementary belief in Deity. This is a great mistake, and entirely at variance with the past history of our Order, and of all her teachings and practice. While Freemasonry is not a religion, it is a profoundly religious Institution, having in all ages, according to our traditions, from the days of King Solomon, our traditional founder, down to the present hour, walked close beside the Immemorial Church of God. Thus, as the Handmaid of True Religion, she has become vitalised with Divine Truth, and in her teachings has ever followed her Heavenly Guide. The foundation-stone, as we were all taught upon first entering the Lodge, is Faith in a personal God, who hears and answers prayer; and all our Ritual, Symbolism, and Work, is intended to conduct the candidate by reason, by science, and by revelation as far as a human institution may, up "the World's great altar steps that lead from darkness up to God."

While we do not forget that by the exercise of Brotherly Love "Freemasonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion," yet we also remember, that guided by this same principle of Brotherly Love, she never represses and fetters the soul, nor seals the lips of any of her loyal sons in their aspirations and devotions to God their Maker. On the contrary Freemasonry impresses upon the neophyte, at every step, that great fact that he was created for the worship and glory of God; and not as "some would say, if they dared, that God exists for the sake of man."

Hence governed by these principles, but bound in the practice of them by the Rule of Charity:—whenever a Jewish brother, as he stands at our altars waiting for the promised Messiah, offers his prayers to the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, the Christian brother recognises the Ancient Faith of the chosen people of God. In like spirit, the devout Israelite joins with those who on bended knee offer their devotions to the Great Jehovah through the merits of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Again, although the religious convictions of some of our brothers have not brought them within the fellowship or communion of either of these organisations, yet these brothers profess the belief that from the youngest Apprentice to the Master who presides in the East, it is the duty of all to bow in lowly and adoring worship before that God in whom they have put their trust.

My brothers, let us urge upon you to guard this foundation principle of Freemasonry; for it is only in the exercise of the Spirit of Charity that we can hope for the perpetuation of our Order in a Christian land. If that sad day should ever come—which God forbid—when all reference to the Christian religion is eliminated from our Work and Ritual, and Christian prayers are no longer allowed in our Lodges, then genuine Freemasonry will disappear from among the Institutions of every Christian country; or if perchance it remain for a time, it will only be as a dead and putrefying body, alike offensive in the sight of God and man.—*G.M. Lyman Klapp.*

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The Masonic enthusiast who boasted he made a rule of attending at least one hundred celebrations during the year would find no difficulty in gratifying his wish during the next few weeks. This day (Saturday) the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex meets at Harrow. On Tuesday next Brighton offers the attraction of the visit of the M.W. the Grand Master, who will instal his brother the Duke of Connaught in the chair as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. On Saturday, the 26th instant, the prizes will be distributed to the scholars at the Boys' Institution, at Wood Green. On Monday, the 28th instant, the enthusiast may visit Aylesbury, to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, or he may join the Mark Master Masons of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey, at Red Lion Square. On Wednesday, the 30th instant, away to Brighton again, there to celebrate the Festival of "Our Boys." The following day H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is to be installed Grand Mark Master Mason, the ceremony to take place at the Freemasons' Tavern. On 7th July a choice can be made—Surrey or Kent—both these Provinces having selected that day for holding their annual meetings. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) has been presented, by the members of his mother lodge (Royal Gloucester, Southampton), with a Grand Deacon's jewel, as a mark of their gratification on his appointment to office in the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. George Gardner, W.M. 2012, will be installed W.M. of the Chiswick Mark Lodge, 357, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, to-day (Saturday), the 19th inst.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, held at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred Tavern, Roman Road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at 8 p.m. Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732, will act as Installing Master, and Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, &c. (Preceptor), as Director of Ceremonies.

The Domatic Lodge, No. 177, will celebrate its summer festival on Friday, 2nd July. Kempton Park, Sunbury, has been selected for these festivities, and it is anticipated there will be a large and influential gathering to support the Worshipful Master in this the one hundredth year of the Lodge's existence.

Bro. Spiegel P.M. has accepted an invitation from the Ranelagh Lodge, to deliver his lecture on "The Origin of Freemasonry," on Friday next, the 25th instant, at the Seven Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith.

Here we are clannish. The Frenchman hates the German; the Irishman plots against the English; the Yankee suspects the Briton; mountain chains limit our sympathies; rivers determine our antagonism, and imaginary lines sunder us. There nations, kindreds, peoples and tongues dwell together in happiest fellowship. Here caste rules us. Patrician cannot mix with Plebeian; the one cries with sneering contempt "common people!" the other mutters "privileged classes!" There, the prince and the peasant, the capitalist and the hodsman, the merchant and the menial, meet in fellowship. Here, sectarian feelings alienate; the Jew and the Gentile still stand apart; the Catholic and the Protestant are but resting on their arms; the Episcopalian gives over the Dissenter to uncovenanted mercies; the Calvinist hedges himself in with the five points, and the Baptist dwells in castellated isolation surrounded by a moat whose waters no drawbridge ever spans; there, heaven's charity has fused those diverse masses into a divine kinship, and behold how beautiful the unity in which they dwell! Such is the spirit of Masonry. It was born in the heart of God. Like the Pentecostal fire, it fuses Parthians and Medes, dwellers in Mesopotamia, Cretes and Arabians, Jews and Gentiles, unto unity. Oh that it might burn more fiercely until the antagonism of race, the hatreds of creed, and the rivalries of business shall disappear, and the pure gold of brotherly love remain.—*Bro. R. K. Smith.*

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GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

THE one hundred and fifth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York was opened on Tuesday, the 1st instant, at two o'clock, with the full and impressive ceremonial of the Craft. While the great organ, reinforced by a military band, pealed forth the strains of a grand processional march, composed specially for the occasion by Brother George W. Morgan, the Grand Officers, with Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence at their head, entered and marched in solemn procession up the centre aisle, and assumed their respective places in the Grand East. All the Officers were clothed in the imperial purple of the Fraternity, while many were decorated with magnificent jewels, blazing with precious stones. Among the distinguished dignitaries in attendance were General Charles Roome; J. Edward Simmons, president of the Board of Education; ex-Mayor Edmund L. Judson of Albany; Speaker of the Assembly, James W. Husted; Clerk of the Senate, John W. Vrooman; Jesse B. Anthony, William A. Brodie, James Ten Eyck, John Hodge, Washington E. Connor, Justice John J. Gormain, Frederick A. Burnham, Colonel Edward M. L. Ehlers, and Past Grand Masters John L. Lewis, Clinton F. Paige, Joseph D. Evans, Benjamin Flagler, and James Gibson. The Rev. Robert Collyer, one of the Grand Chaplains, offered an impressive prayer, followed by the overture to "William Tell" on the great organ. The opening ceremonies concluded with the "Hallelujah Chorus" (organ and military band). After Grand Master Lawrence had declared the annual communication of the Grand Lodge opened in ample form, the entire assemblage of over nine hundred persons joined in singing "Old Hundred." The effect was grand; the great organ and the band of St. Cecile Lodge, in unison with the voices, producing a volume of sound that rolled through the hall and could be heard distinctly in the street. The large Grand Lodge room was filled to overflowing, delegates from every Lodge in the jurisdiction being present; in addition to these were the representatives of nearly all the Grand Bodies with which the Grand Lodge of New York is in fraternal relations. Grand Master Lawrence in his address commented on the bitter quarrel existing between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec. He said:—"While fully believing in the American doctrine of the supreme and exclusive jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge within the territory which it controls, I do not consider that that doctrine should extend to the length of rendering Masonic bodies previously enjoying a lawful existence within such territory clandestine and illegal, because of their refusal to abandon their original allegiance and place themselves under the authority of the newly-created Grand Lodge. The Grand Master of Masons in this State in 1879, in addressing this Grand Lodge upon the subject of the somewhat similar issue then raised by Quebec as against the Grand Lodge of Scotland, expressed the opinion that the general current of authority is opposed to such a construction of the rights of a newly-created Grand Lodge, and in that view of the subject your present Grand Master entirely concurs. If this is the correct view of this question involved in this controversy, we cannot endorse the action of Quebec, but must deplore the fact that that Grand Body should have thought it necessary to proceed to the severance of fraternal relations, rather than await the time when the Lodges in question should find it for their interest to place themselves within the folds of its protection." The Grand Master detailed the numerous public ceremonials performed by him during the year, and paid feeling tributes to the distinguished brethren who had passed away since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge. A *résumé* of the business of the year was also given. The Grand Master referred at length to the determined effort made to wipe out the enormous debt with which the Fraternity was burdened. For this object, he said, he had received contributions amounting to 76,000 dols., and out of the ordinary revenues the trustees had paid about 36,000 dols. of the total indebtedness. The Hall and Asylum Fund was therefore better by consideraby over 100,000 dols. than it had been a year before. If the good work was to continue, it was the duty of the Grand Lodge to devise some practicable method whereby individual effort should give place to concerted action, to the end that the debt may soonest and most rapidly be paid, the Craft relieved from its labours and the great purpose undertaken accomplished. The address, which included a number of other topics, occupied nearly three hours in delivery. After receiving the annual reports of the Grand Officers, John C. Graves was appointed Commissioner of Appeals in place of William T. Woodruff deceased.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

THE quarterly meeting of this body was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. There were present Fratres Christopher Palliser E.P., Wm. Brown Constable, W. H. Cowper Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Reg., W. Lawton P., J. Marshall P., G. Simpson P., M. F. W. Williamson Beauceant, J. T. Seller Sub-Marshal, Wm. Watson Capt. of Guard, A. H. H. McGachen Herald, and others. The only visitor present was E. Frater J. W. Woodall Sub-Prior of the Province, who was received with the usual honours. Successful ballots were taken for Comp. George Fitchett, of the King Edwin Chapter No. 660, and W. Comp. W. P. Cochrane, of the Marwood Chapter No. 602, and these Companions were successively installed Knights of the Temple by E. Frater T. B. Whytehead, Frater W. Brown acting as Sub-Marshal, and E. Frater J. W. Woodall as Prelate. A letter was read from E. Frater J. S. Cumberland, thanking the members for electing him an honorary member. The alms were collected and the Conclave was closed. An adjournment was made to the refectory, where light refreshments were served and a short toast list was discharged.

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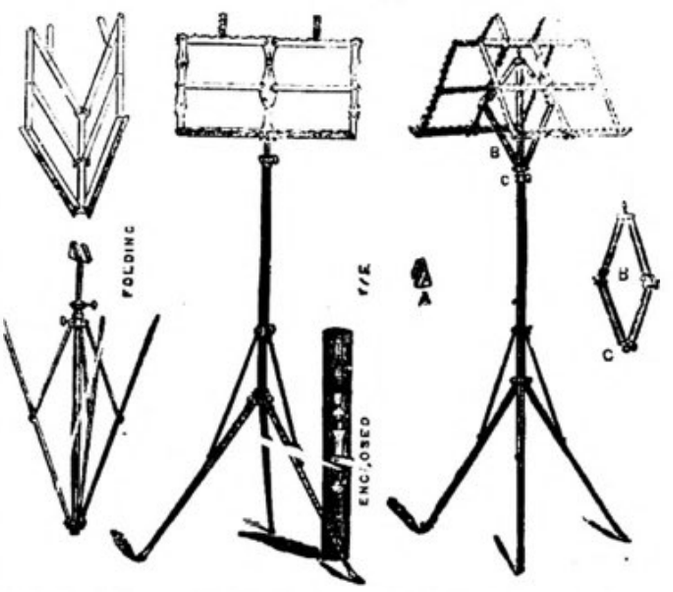

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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, 19th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
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. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Harrow
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897—Citadel, Railway Hote', Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow. (Consecration)
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 21st JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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).
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1150—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1567—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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1633—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
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
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
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)
1602—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemason's Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
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, 22nd JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
165—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)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Prowall-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, London Bridge
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)
1390—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, Channon, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Truedeen, Chocolate-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1919—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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1299—St. Mildred, Thistle Hotel, Abercy
R.A. 1328—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

Especial Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 12
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Derby
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1909—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JUNE.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
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)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Aldchurch Lane
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
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140—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
161—Alexandra, Horncastle, Hall (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1867—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1358—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 24th 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's Head, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
185—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.)
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—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Thebertin Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8 (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1425—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (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
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
511—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
804—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
394—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
781—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

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-st., Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Eboulton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1600—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1692—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, Hotel Street, Leicester
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough

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R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 25th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, 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)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (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., Lewisham St.
R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
R.A. 1672—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

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
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, 26th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
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. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Empire.—The increasing popularity of an entertainment comprising a musical spectacular extravaganza was fully shown last Saturday, when the "Palace of Pearl" was received with every sign of appreciation. Messrs. W. Younge and Alfred Murray are responsible for the libretto, and Messrs. Jakobowski and Stanislaus for the music. A fanciful story illustrates how a long existing feud between the King of Etheria and the Queen of Idyllia cannot be terminated—

> "Till once again on earth is seen
> A living, loving Fairy Queen;
> Till brother can his sister wed
> This hateful feud shall ne'er be dead."

This happy result is brought about by a young prince and princess belonging to the rival nations, becoming attached to each other. The King and Queen also arrange to marry, and by this means eventually a declaration of peace is brought about. Although there is no assumption to dramatic interest in the plot, there is no lack of interest for both ear and eye. The scenery is pretty and picturesque, while the duets, songs, and concerted pieces revive pleasant remembrances. The most attractive items in the programme are, however, the two grand ballets, which take place respectively in the second and third acts. The Moorish ballet is a happy combination of scimitars and symmetry; while the graceful formation of groups add greatly to the attraction of the scene. Here Mdlle. Luna figures prominently, and dances with that grace and ease that is always a prominent feature in connection with the ballets at the Empire. The grand Lace Ballet in the final act, with Mdlle. Pertoldi as the principal dancer, is even more novel than the former; the dresses and decorations showing the materials employed to the greatest advantage. At the conclusion of each of the ballets Monsieur Rertrand was called before the curtain to receive the congratulations of the audience. The support accorded to the extravaganza was well sustained. Mr. Charles Cartwright was exceptionally funny as the King, while unexpected vocal powers was shown by Mr. M. Calico as the Troubadour. Miss Grace Huntley, the Prince, was as graceful as ever. The best songs undoubtedly are allotted to Miss Wadman, as the Princess, and she played the part delightfully. "O, Bird of Love," was exceedingly well given by this lady, as also was the duet that follows, with the Prince, "They rave about the beauties of the night." Miss Susie Vaughan displayed her talents as Queen Amaranth; while Miss F. Wentworth sings prettily. Mons. Marius, as the Prince's tutor, has a good part, from which he elicits much humour. Other parts are well sustained by Mr. A. B. Tapping, as the King's Adviser; Mr. George Temple, as the Moorish Governor; and Miss Agnes Oliver, as his European Wife No. 1. The scenery, by Messrs. Perkins, Spong, Banks, Bruce Smith, and C. C. Brooke, is admirably painted, and with a good chorus and orchestra, everything that is possible has been done to ensure success for the "Palace of Pearl." At the conclusion of the extravaganza the principal artistes and the authors received a most enthusiastic call.

Royalty.—The summer season at this cosy little theatre has been inaugurated by Messrs. E. J. Henley and Holmes, and they commenced proceedings with a new four-act comedy, entitled "Jack." The comedy is one in which old materials have been freely used, but the work has been written up to date. However, the basement of the story seems hardly vigorous enough to sustain all that rests upon it; still, on the opening night, such strong support was afforded the piece that the weakness of the foundation seemed perceptible to but a few. Two young fellows—Jack Beamish, artist, and Noel Blake, composer—living together, have, prior to the advent of the curtain, made the acquaintance of an eccentric baronet, of whose death news is brought during the first act. The two young gentlemen, with Blake's cousin Madge, have been summoned to attend the reading of the will; this duly takes place in the second act. The result showing that the baronet has disappointed his relations—Lady Blanchmayne, her daughter, and Major Spotswhyte, and has left his estate to Noel Blake, whose genius he recognises; he also makes some substantial acknowledgment of his good wishes towards Jack Beamish and Madge. In the first act Noel Blake has been promised the hand of Madge, and his love for her we take to be genuine; but when he comes into the fortune that has been bestowed on him, he throws over the girl to whom he has plighted his troth. Some excuse, perhaps, may be found for him in the fact that he desires to get into society, and this desire makes him fall a victim to the scheming of Lady Blanchmayne and the Major. Blake insults his earlier friends, and gives the order to shoot a favourite dog belonging to Jack. This results in his old friends leaving him, and Madge, accompanied by an old housekeeper, returns to their old lodgings. In the last act the lawyer visits Jack, and announces that another will of the baronet's has been found, which disinherits Noel Blake and leaves the money to a son of the deceased's sister. This son proves to be Jack, who has by this time been successful in gaining the affections of Madge. The last act may be considered the stumbling-block of the piece, but as it is short the audience may feel inclined to overlook its weakness. At the conclusion of the play loud calls for the author were given, and Mr. Eben Plympton introduced Mrs. Harry Beckett. In this case the success of the piece was undoubtedly attributable to the acting. Mr. E. J. Henley, as Noel Blake, was somewhat too forcible; but Mr. Eben Plympton played the part of Jack Beamish with much power and feeling. Great praise is due to Miss Dorothy Deane, who was most earnest and effective as the simple-minded Madge. Miss Carlotta Leclerq imparted a due amount of self-conscious dignity to the match-making mother, Lady Blanchmayne, and the housekeeper was ably sustained by Miss M. A. Gifford. Other parts were allotted to Messrs. A. White, M. Crackles, P. Cunningham, M. Drew, W. Compton, and Miss Marie Williams. "Jack" was followed by a travestie, by Byron McGuiness, entitled "Mephisto." This trifle is framed in a prologue and three scenes. New music has been supplied by Messrs. J. Caldicott and Ernest Bucalossi; but "Mephisto" turns out to be but a tame affair, the burden of sustaining it falling on the two principles. Mr. E. J. Henley's imitation of Mr. Irving was far below the average of such attempts; not nearly so good as that of Mr. Dixey's, at the Gaiety. Miss Constance Gilchrist was warmly received, as Marguerite, and earned several encores for her singing and graceful dancing. Other parts were entrusted to Messrs. M. Crackles, M. Drew, and Miss Madge Stavart. At the conclusion of the travestie a call for the author was responded to by Mr. E. J. Henley coming forward and announcing that that gentleman was not in the house, an announcement that was received with some slight expression of dissatisfaction.

Avenue.—The genial manager of this theatre, Mr. R. D'Albertson, announces his annual matinée; this will take place on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, when the beneficiaire will receive help from several well-known artistes.

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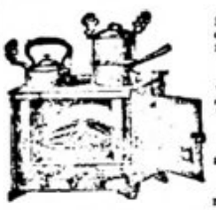

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THE ROYAL VISIT TO BRIGHTON.

AMIDST "ten thousand" welcomes from the loyal residents of Brighton, and of the crowds of visitors who at this time of the year flock into the queen of southern watering places, our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales paid his promised official visit, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of installing his august brother the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex Freemasons. Everything combined to render this royal visit an event to be remembered in the annals of Brighton history, and in the history, too, of the Craft in which the Heir Apparent and other members of the Royal Household take so deep and genuine an interest. This solicitude for the welfare of Freemasonry is so frequently alluded to in the post-prandial speeches to which it is our lot to listen at Masonic banquets that the brethren need nothing here to impress them with the fact in a general way. But when an event of such imposing magnitude as that of Tuesday last occurs, something more than a passing reference to it is demanded at the hands of a journal especially associated with, and essentially representing, the welfare of the Craft. Nearly ten years have elapsed since it was our privilege to assist at a ceremony similar in its character, though scarcely so momentous, as that which is reported in our columns of to-day, when the Grand Master visited Norwich for the purpose of installing Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk. Many of the "veterans" will recollect that during that self-same week the late Duke of Albany honoured the Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire with his presence, at the annual meeting of that Province held at Warminster, under the presidency of its respected chief, the Lord Methuen. Ever since that time, up to the date of the initiation of Prince Albert Victor at the Royal Alpha Lodge, some twelve months ago, our Grand Master and his royal brothers have manifested a desire on every available occasion that has presented itself of personally identifying themselves with the Order; and we have it still fresh in our memories how that the Duke of Connaught—who on Tuesday was installed as Grand Master of the Province that bears his name—has likewise displayed his zeal and assiduity in Masonry by presiding at Festivals, both of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions. These auspicious occasions are even yet looked back upon as pleasant reminiscences by those who were fortunate enough to witness them, but all have been far eclipsed by the splendid and brilliant gathering of the present week. Brighton broke into the most beaming of smiles on the day appointed for the pageant which, other than in a purely Masonic sense, was to render it one of the most memorable in the history of the town. "Royal weather" in its truest form graced the whole of the proceedings from beginning to end, and amidst the most genial gleams of sunshine that have been vouchsafed to us in this one of the coldest of "leafy months" we have experienced for many years; the whole place was bathed in a flood of colour, sunshine, animation, and enthusiasm. From end to end of the route traversed by the Royal Party, the utmost loyalty was exemplified by the dense masses of spectators on either side of the two miles of "front"—as Brightonians endearingly call their grand and unrivalled Esplanade—and this is all the more significant, from our own point of view, from the fact that the visit was not in its usual way a municipal one, but essentially Masonic. True, the local municipality was represented by the presence of the Mayor and several members of the Corporation, by whom the Royal guests were most cordially welcomed to the town; but, after all, the occasion was one of intrinsic interest, and exceptionally so, to the Craft. On their arrival at the railway station the Royal visitors were presented with an address of welcome from the Corporation of Brighton, which was read by the Town Clerk (Bro. F. J. Tillstone), the text of which was as follows:—

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.—May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton, respectfully offer to your Royal Highness a sincere and cordial welcome to our town, and we desire to express the great pleasure it affords the people of Brighton that you are on this occasion accompanied by your son H.R.H. the Prince Victor Edward of Wales, and your brother H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Earl of Sussex. The inhabitants of the county of Sussex generally, as well as those who are members of the Masonic body, were much gratified on learning that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had been appointed to, and had accepted, the office of Grand Master of the Freemasons of this Province, and it is a great additional gratification to them that your Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to intimate your intention of personally performing, in this Borough, the ceremony of installing in office the new Provincial Grand Master. We beg, in our name and that of the inhabitants of Brighton, to assure your Royal Highness of the loyalty and affection which we, in common with all Her Majesty's subjects, entertain for Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, for your Royal Highness, and for the other members of the Royal Family.

The Prince of Wales made the following reply:—

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,—I thank you sincerely for the cordial welcome which you have given me here to-day, and for the kind words in which you allude to the presence of my son and brother. I had great satisfaction in offering for my brother's acceptance the post of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and it has afforded me much gratification to be able to perform the duty of installing him into his important office. I have to express to you my warm acknowledgments for the loyal terms in which you allude to the Queen, and the members of my family; and let me add that these sentiments are in perfect harmony with the kind reception which has invariably been accorded to me by the inhabitants of Brighton on all of those occasions upon which it has been my good fortune to visit this town.

Then, amidst the cheers of the privileged ones upon the platform, and the larger crowd outside, the procession moved away to Hove, by way of Queen's Road, West Street, and King's Road, travelling as far as The Drive, Old Steine, Castle Square, and the Pavilion. As we have said, all along the route the royal and Masonic party was received with every demonstration of welcome, though perhaps the enthusiasm at no point of the route broke into the boisterous ebullition we are accustomed to in London and other large towns. The Dome and Corn Exchange were elaborately decorated, and the spectacle presented at the installation when Bro. His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, and Earl of Sussex, was installed amidst the full blaze of that ceremonial, and in the presence of over two thousand members of the Craft, was imposing in the extreme. The opinion expressed by the residents in Brighton accustomed to take part in public demonstrations there is, that "nothing heretofore witnessed in the Dome has surpassed the picturesqueness of the scene at this period, and it will long live in the memory of those who were privileged to be present." The ceremony attracted to itself an interest and importance quite unique from the spectacle of the installation of one Royal brother

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by the other; and our Grand Master in his speeches touched the keystone of sympathy of all when he declared that while Freemasonry confined itself to its grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and free from the entanglements of religion and politics, it was "bound to flourish throughout the realms of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." Every credit is due to the brethren upon whose shoulders devolved the duty of making the arrangements necessary for so important an event. On the arrival of the procession at the Pavillion grounds a numerous company, consisting principally of ladies, attired in the prettiest summer costumes, had taken up "coigns o' vantage" whence a view of the approach could be commanded, and the scene presented was of the most picturesque and animated description. The guard of honour was appropriately supplied by the 1st Sussex (Brighton) Volunteers, under the command of Bro. Captain Hallett, and the band of the regiment kept up a running fire of excellent music prior to the arrival of the guests. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Albert Victor, with their attendants, alighted at the main entrance to the Pavilion, and some little time was spent there in clothing for the ceremony of the day. Soon after after half-past twelve the Royal party, with a perfect galaxy of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, crossed in procession from the Pavilion rooms to the Dome, amidst strains of martial music, the whole of the brethren being uncovered with the exception of the Grand Master, who frequently raised his hat in acknowledgment of the waving of handkerchiefs by the ladies and other demonstrations of loyal feeling. Inside the Pavilion, the whole of the property of which had been placed at the disposal of the Craft, the scene was one of imposing and picturesque grandeur. The Committee, which included the Provincial Grand Officers of Sussex for the year, and the Worshipful Masters of the twenty-five Lodges in the Province, had furnished and embellished the apartments in a sumptuous manner, befitting the occasion, the details being carried out by a sub-Committee, consisting of Brothers J. Henderson Scott, Gerard Ford, J. M. Kidd, C. J. Smith, V. P. Freeman Provincial Grand Secretary, and B. Burfield Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary. The entrance hall and vestibule were embowered with a perfect parterre of flowers, foliage plants and ferns, whilst the corridors and entrances to the Dome were draped with old gold lace curtains, and rich blue lace draperies. The staircases at both ends of the corridor were veiled by large mirrors, in which were reflected pretty groups of flowering and foliage plants of dazzling colour and beauty. Provincial Grand Lodge was fitted and appointed in the most approved manner for the carrying out of the ceremonial, of which a report is given elsewhere in our columns, and it is only necessary for our readers to glance over the names of the most prominent and distinguished Officers present to enable them to form an idea of the magnificent and imposing spectacle that was presented when Prov. Grand Lodge had assembled. The Grand Lodge Officers in their splendid regalia and resplendent jewels filled the orchestra, forming a *coup d'œil* such as has perhaps only been surpassed once, namely—at the Installation of our Grand Master himself, at the Royal Albert Hall, in 1875. To say that the ceremony was perfectly rendered would be to make use of a trite and hackneyed phrase to those who can realise the character and composition of such an assemblage; even those who were not present can readily form an idea of the effect which such a gathering must inevitably have produced. On being proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, a flourish of trumpets echoed the fact that the Duke had been duly installed as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. The investiture of Prov. Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and the ceremony, which lasted about an hour and a half, was concluded with the ancient rites so familiar to, and appreciated by, the Craft.

It was no matter for surprise that the event should have produced quite a flutter of pleasant excitement amongst the brethren of the Province of Sussex, for no appointment could have been presented to them so agreeable to their feelings than that of the Earl of Sussex as the successor of the late lamented Sir Walter Burrell, whose decease in February last caused so wide and genuine a sense of regret. There is, of course, something peculiarly appropriate in the Duke of Connaught holding the office of head of the Masonic body of Sussex, and it calls vividly to mind the services rendered to the Order by the First Duke of Sussex during the thirty years he held the position of G. Master. The first Royal Duke of Sussex was initiated at the close of the last century, and was elected grand Master on the resignation of the Prince Regent in 1813. In that year he united under him all the Freemasons in England, and the Craft made steady progress, though of course little in comparison with the strides it has made since the accession to the supreme Head of our present Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. As soon as the date of the installation was fixed there was an eager solicitation for tickets, and thus the assemblage was of the most numerous and representative character ever witnessed in this part of England. All parts of the United Kingdom and, indeed, the Dependencies of the British Crown were represented, and in its general conception and management the ceremony and attendant rejoicings were carried out in the most splendid, dignified, and befitting manner. The luncheon which followed was a pattern of elegance, luxury, and refinement, and the after speeches, though brief, were interesting, as reflecting the credit that was justly due to the hospitality of the Province of Sussex, and the excellence of the arrangements made by the Prov. Grand Officers and all by whom they were associated. After the departure of the Royal visitors a garden party, on a most extensive and *récherché* scale, was given in the Pavilion Gardens, the varied character of the entertainment furnishing a most enjoyable finale to a day of bright and conspicuous splendour and interest in the annals of Sussex Freemasonry.

A SUGGESTION.

WHILST all Sussex is tingling with the glow of enthusiasm and satisfaction aroused by the installation of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as its Provincial Grand Master, a thought occurs to us, in view of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is to be held next week at Brighton, under the presidency of Lord Suffield. Not only were the whole of the twenty-nine Lodges in the Province represented at the stirring event of last Tuesday, but members of the Craft from all parts of the Kingdom and many of the Colonies were also present; and, seeing that the Boys' Festival is so speedily to follow, at the same town and place, what better or more fitting opportunity to immortalise the occasion than to seal it by some lasting memento of the Duke's acceptance of office, by raising a permanent addition to the funds of the Boys' School, the Festival of which is fixed to take place on Wednesday next? We venture to suggest to the brethren of the Province that a more graceful or practical outcome of Tuesday's gathering could not be imagined than that some substantial aid should be ensured to the approaching Festival, nor one that would give more real and genuine satisfaction to the executive of the Institution at Wood Green, who are not too "strong" in funds at the present time. Surely amongst the "two thousand" distinguished members of the Craft who were privileged to be present on the occasion we have described there might be found a sufficient number to subscribe collectively a sum amounting, at any rate, to a thousand pounds, in order to create a fund which might be appropriately entitled the "Sussex pile," or perhaps better still the "Connaught pile," in honour of the recently-installed Provincial Grand Master, whereby the Province could secure a "Perpetual Presentation" to the Boys' School. Lord Suffield, the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, has not only kindly consented to preside over the Brighton Festival, but also at the Annual Distribution of prizes amongst "Our Boys" at Woodgreen to-day; and it may not be beyond the bounds of possibility—his Lordship being a personal friend of our M.W. Grand Master and of the Duke of Connaught—that one of those illustrious Rulers of the Craft might be able to spare a brief space, amidst their multitudinous engagements, to pay another, though flying, visit to Brighton in connection with the Boys' Festival. Of course, we do not lose sight of the lavish and unstinted hospitality extended by our brethren in Sussex to the large number of visitors who crowded into Brighton, on their invitation, last Tuesday. The splendid reception accorded to them must have involved no inconsiderable expense, both individually and collectively; but in order to signalize the event, which was undoubtedly the most momentous and auspicious that has ever graced the Province, would it not be a grand result

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to mark it by some substantial and perpetual monument in the shape of a distinctly special addition to the funds of the Institution whose Festival is to be celebrated in their midst next week? We know of many who would gladly subscribe towards such a scheme as we propose, and we earnestly suggest to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, that in the event of his undertaking the office of Treasurer to such a fund, he would be readily and liberally met by members of the Craft, not only in the Province of Sussex, but throughout the country, who are solicitous for the welfare of the Boys' School. Bro. Freeman, the Provincial Grand Secretary, would not begrudge the extra labour imposed upon him by acknowledging contributions to the Fund—although we opine that the additional work would be somewhat heavy; but in view of the lasting credit which would be reflected upon the Province by the embodiment of such a scheme the reward would be amply sufficient to compensate for any such temporary effort on the part of the Provincial Grand Officers who might assist in carrying it to a successful issue. It is urged that in these days of "universal depression" the brethren cannot be expected to be constantly diving their hands into their pockets for special purposes; but it does seem to us that this would be a peculiarly proud result for Sussex to achieve,—to mark the accession of a member of the Royal Family to the Grand Mastership of the Province, and as a graceful compliment to the Duke who was installed under such brilliant auspices a few days ago. We sincerely hope the matter may be taken up actively in the few days that remain prior to the Festival, and that we may be enabled to congratulate Bro. Binckes, the indefatigable Secretary of the Wood-green Institution, upon a "whip round" amongst the brethren of Sussex and their friends which will strengthen his hands, and those of the executive generally, in carrying on the admirable work which they have so closely at heart. It may be that an exceptional phase of the subject is that which is shadowed forth in a letter by Bro. Binckes, published in another column, namely that the political crisis now at hand might have a prejudicial effect in relation to the support likely to be accorded to the Boys' Festival. We sincerely hope such may not be the case, and that Brother Binckes's apprehensions may be unfounded. At any rate, such fears may be in a great measure dispelled if the suggestion we have ventured to offer in the above remarks is taken into the serious consideration of the brethren, not only of Sussex but of the Craft generally.

MASONRY POINTS EVER UPWARDS.

An Address delivered by Rev. R. W. Hill, D.D., at the Dedication of the New Hall of Multnomah Lodge No. 1, at Oregon City, Oregon, 22nd February, 1886.

IT is eminently proper at such a time as this, when we have assembled to dedicate a hall to the purposes of Masonry, to speak somewhat of the aims and purposes of the Order. It has numbered among its adherents so many of the wise and good men of the past, and has at the present time so many of those who are counted worthy of honour, that there must be something in Masonry worthy of regard. Men of the stamp of "the father of his country," whose natal day we have chosen for our ceremonies, would never consent to Masonic fellowship were the Institution not doing good in the world. What then is Masonry in its work and aim?

It may be said that the character of Masonry has been so often made the theme of oration and argument that it would seem as though the time has passed when it were necessary to speak as to its works or its principles. It has been well said that "from its origin to the present hour Masonry has been a true friend and servant of humanity. Philanthropy has been the guiding star in its firmament, and its whole career has been an effort to more firmly establish virtue and morality as the dominating forces of life." How could it be otherwise when we strive to inculcate in the hearts of all a love for God and for fellow-man? The first of the charges laid down in the old constitution says that "A Mason is bound by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." The second charge pointed out the fact that the Mason must be "a peaceable subject to the civil powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates." Then, too, the sixth charge enjoins the Mason to "act as becomes a moral and wise man." From these charges it will be seen that no man can be a true Mason without being true to his Creator, his family, his neighbour and his country.

Masonry rests upon three strong pillars: Justice, Brotherhood, and Truth. With these its sure supports it is no wonder that the Institution has been enabled to enlist in its support good and true men in every age, and to withstand the storms of time, and the efforts of adversaries to overthrow it. It matters not what may be the age of Masonry, whether we trace it to those older mysteries which held and concealed the truths of God's nature from the multitude, or whether we find the origin in the middle ages, when modern civilization was coming to the birth. In any case Masonry has transmitted to us a system which contains much to benefit humanity, and confer a blessing on its votaries. It could not be otherwise than of service to humanity, when we reflect that its cardinal principles are those which have done most for the advancement of liberty and law. To do good to man, and to seek the uplifting of the race through the exercise of the general arts and the broad diffusion of truth to those who are worthy to receive it—this has been its aim and this its work. When the race was struggling upward from barbarism to the heights of present civilization one of the chief forces in its advancement was the presence and power of the highest truth. When the people have felt the importance of knowledge, and of noble things, it has been an indication that the struggle has resulted in a victory for the better elements of humanity. It is one of the evidences of civilization that men turn from the pursuit of selfish ends and give themselves to the contemplation of that which is for the benefit of the race rather than of the individual. Masonry has exemplified this, and has been a leader in the path of true progress. When the balefires of error were burning most brightly, leading men to darkness and gloom, Masonry set on high the light of truth, and won men to the "True Light," which lighteth to the Temple of God all who receive its blessed influence. It can be said, without fear of successful controversy, that it has been always helpful when men most needed the strong hand of a mighty power to hold them safely amid the temptations which would turn them to error and ungodliness. In the critical hours of European history, when the hearts of men failed them for fear, and when with bated breath the wise and good looked for the overthrow of the institutions on whose existence the welfare of civilization was dependent, then it was that Masonry gave comfort and hope to those who else would have despaired. The doctrines of a pure theology were so intertwined with the dogma of Masonry, that for a time leaders of the church itself found in the shelter of the Lodge a deposit and safe-keeping of many most precious truths. It is within bounds to say that the spirit of inquiry fostered by Masonry gave added impetus to the keen thirst for knowledge which was a feature of the Middle Age, and it will perhaps also be admitted by the student of history, that, in the tyled precincts of the Lodge, truths were taught, which uttered elsewhere would have been the signal for the exercise of all the honours of the *auto d' fe*. To such men as Roger Bacon and his fellow-mystics much of the progress of to-day is due, for they opened the paths which have led us to light, and these were the men who upheld the mysteries in the Middle Age.

Masonry in Oregon occupies to-day a commanding position with an ever-widening circle of influence. Thirty-seven years ago, when this Lodge first received its charter, the members of the Craft resident in Oregon were few indeed. But the handful they gathered here in Oregon City has become the host who to-day bear up the Masonic institutions. What wondrous changes the surviving brethren of this Lodge have witnessed since that first meeting in 1848! The dim trail of the pioneer has broadened into the mighty highway of empire, and those of that little band who still are with us have seen Oregon become a name worthy of place in the roll of States. No longer so remote from the remainder of our nation that months of weary travel are required to reach these shores by the sundown seas, as when the pioneers came, but closely linked by the ties of steam and electricity to the east, so that one may take part in this dedication to-night and in a single week be with his brethren and friends in the States on the

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Atlantic seaboard. In those days we were the extreme west, but now, as we look from these shores of the Occident still far to the westward, we realize the growth of our country and know that far onward around the great Alaskan arch the star-spangled flag is the symbol of liberty and progress. Now from the mystic Orient there comes to *us* the returning wave of the human tides which have swept around the earth. Our peerless State has developed into all that those who struggled here in the early days to save it to our country promised it would become. Yes, and they now say that even their prophetic vision saw not one-half of all that we have since become.

The few people who then were here as the pioneers of American civilization have become a great multitude, and with the tide of humanity which has flowed to this region have come all of the comforts and conveniences of the far east. The rude architecture of those days has been displaced by beautiful and finished workmanship on every side. The dreary distances which separated the Willamette from the unforgotten homes and friends of the east have been annihilated by the railroad, and the trail which the pioneer made with so much of toil, but so much of courage as well, has served to conduct to us the monarch of the rail—the iron horse. To-day we are in direct connection with the heart of our country, and in some respects we have greater facilities for rapid travel than any one then could command. And still with rapid strides we move along the pathway of progress. As the States along the Atlantic now dominate all the regions which must reach the nations through them, so we in time will control the trade of all the vast interior whose natural route for foreign commerce lies through our seaports.

Our mineral resources are beginning to add largely to the wealth of the State; our fertile soil is becoming a very garden by the skilled labour of our farmers; hundreds of thriving towns and villages are dotting our State like "the stars which stud the universal dome," and what with the other resources of the State, and the many enterprises reaching out in all directions, we can surely see the marks of prosperity and promise for the future. Hail to the pioneers! for all of this bright present has been won by the toil and self-denial of the hardy men and women who came here in those early days.

In this retrospect we have seen that there has been a splendid growth in all directions, but in nothing has that growth surpassed that which lies inside the pale of Masonry. The feeble band who first secured the memorable charter from Missouri have grown to be a mighty host, and with each year the influence and power for good has increased, until to-day there is no portion of the great North-west which does not feel the beneficent influence of Masonry. Its charities are not to be measured by the limits of County or State, but in even the remotest regions to the north, and the islands to the westward, where our brethren have gone, or from where the cry of distress has been heard, there, too, has been felt the blessed effects of a true and pure charity. It is not necessary to remind you that our charity is broad and far-reaching, for you, my brethren of Multnomah Lodge, have felt and participated in this beautiful and blessed act. It is for those who ask of us a *raison d'être* that I have spoken of Masonic charity. One of the first lessons taught to the Masonic candidate is this one of relief to the distressed and worthy, and that it is taught in a solemn way which can never be forgotten, is proven by the breadth and sweep of Masonic relief. Faith and Hope and Charity are the blessed trio to the true Mason, but we know that when faith is lost in sight, and hope ends in fruition, then still endureth charity, the noblest bond of union between earth and heaven.

In dedicating this hall to Masonry we desire to bear our testimony to the faith which has been handed down to us since Masonry began; that all things which are pure, and all things which are lovely and of good repute should constitute the chief stones of the Masonic edifice and occupy the chief place in the Mason's affections. If there is anything which is low and vile, and of the earth earthy, of these things Masons are taught to beware. To lift up the poor and distressed, and extend the hand of charity to those who are in need of sympathy, to bring gladness to the hearts filled with sorrow, and to lighten the burdens of care and toil, *these* are the things which Masonry teaches, and these are the things which the examples of the best and wisest always illustrate. We set this Masonic home apart from the busy rush and whirl of life, that here we may come for a brief season and rest in the society of kindred spirits, and here shake off the trammels of business and give ourselves to the pursuit of wisdom. By our close connection with all that pertains to humanity, we are enabled to perform something which will be of benefit to those who are looking to us for aid and enlightenment. It is the pride of Masonry that is ever at work for humanity, and in the hall here set apart the teaching which is to be given to those who come knocking at its door will be in the line of that which is most effective for human advancement. Alas! that the lessons are not always remembered, and that in some cases they are altogether lost; but we rejoice that in almost every instance men are made better for the instruction which Masonry gives.

Masonry is the friend of all phases of truth, and the Mason who is true to his vows is always an unflinching advocate of that which his conscience and his researches have taught him to be the truth. Masonry therefore dedicates this hall to Truth. In the whole round of human life the tenets of Masonry have a place, and must do their part in the development and perfection of human character, and when that work falls short of this ideal of excellence, we who are Masons are certainly not using to the full the advantages which are put within the reach of the Craft. There never was a time in the history of the race when it was more necessary to be true to our highest convictions than the present, for with the march of intellect there have been many things promulgated which are apt to harm him who does not look at all sides of what ispresented. I think that the temptations of this age are greater than those of any that have hitherto dawned upon humanity, and for this reason it is necessary to be on guard, lest we be led into error.

But can it be said that we have an influence which is religious in its nature? Masonry can know no tenets which are divorced from true religion. From the youngest Entered Apprentice to the Mason who is crowned with years and honours the members of the Craft feel the influence and acknowlege the necessity of a pure worship of the Creator. Prayer is the alpha and omega of the ritual, and in every great and important undertaking in life Masons are taught to invoke the Divine blessing. When Masonry is divorced from true religion it will be a sad day for all who love the Craft, and should such a time ever come it will herald the speedy dissolution of the Order which nothing else can destroy.

Perhaps you will accuse me of propounding a novelty when I say that Masonry has dealings with political science; but Masonry has relations with all sides of human life, and as much of our weal and woe depends upon proper government, it is one of the privileges of Masonry to instruct men in all their duties, so that they may do a good part in the organization of governments founded on equal rights. No one doubts that true statesmanship seeks to place intelligence and patriotism in the forefront of good citizenship, and it is an old saying that the best citizen is that one who knows enough about his country's institutions to admire them. And this it is which Masonry strives to teach. Men are to be made familiar with the great cardinal doctrines which underlie good government, that they may be hearty supporters of law and order; for you will remember that Masonry has no countenance for anything which has the flavour of treason or riot. It is a principle which every Master is required to inculcate, so that no man can be a good Mason and not at the same time be a good citizen. Here, then, is the relation which Masonry sustains to political science, not to use it to build up the fortunes of any man or set of men, but to strive through it to make men better for the Service of the State, and more fit for usefulness in every capacity. By making the state secure and by inspiring a love of country, because country is governed by laws of justice and equality; by discountenancing all that savours of disorder, or that is calculated to inflame the passions of the mob; by doing these things Masonry is doing her true work in educating to citizenship.

And here let me say, in the name of Masonry, that any man who calls himself a Mason, whatever his rank or honours may be, who participates in acts of treason or riot is false to his vows. No word can fitly express the contempt of Masonry for those who for selfish purposes join hands with the subverters and destroyers of justice and right. False, stained with the guilt of treachery and wrong, for such men Masonry can have no shelter, and when these things are clearly established the temple gates will close against them for ever.

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So, too, in the line of social truth, the progress of knowledge has led to the amelioration of many woes, but there still remains much to be accomplished before it can be truly said that this earth is an Eden. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," said the Scottish bard, and it still remains a sad truth. If, then, so much of evil exists, and so much of wrong is worked, is it not the duty of Masonry through its representatives to be up and doing? If we are able to relieve any of the evils incident to life, and fail to do so, it will be evidence that we are behind the spirit of the times, and far behind the true spirit of Masonry. It is well to ponder upon the principles of the Order. We have a right to ask sharp questions and require straightforward answers; and whenever the Institution is either unable or unwilling to give such answers it will be time to seriously consider its further continuance. We have no reason for existence beyond those things which were embraced in the purposes of the founders, modified to harmonize with the purest light which advanced thought is able to bestow. It argues poorly for any society when it falls below the rising tide of progress, and it will prove no exception to the rule should Masonry ever forget the principles which hitherto have led it onward in the van of those who work for humanity. It is not enough that we are able to make a show for the public when, on some occasion like this, we come together to do a work which will command the attention of the people; we must always be at work which will tell for good to the needy and suffering, whether that work is done in the "bright sunlight of publicity," or in the quiet and retirement of every-day life. Social truth should have much of thought. Masonry regards no man merely for his worldly wealth or station, and should care as little for that applause which is so freely given to those who are willing to make public display. It is unusual now for any year to pass without some great gathering of the members of the Fraternity, at which the parade is the principal feature, when, with bright banners and long array of marching men, the clamour of many voices mingling with the music of bands, we seek to impress the people with the idea that Masonry is a mighty power in the world. Is this altogether in accordance with that simplicity which was the original characteristic and peculiar beauty of Masonry? Like sweet charity, its deeds are better for the flavour of privacy, and especially is this true when we consider that the work which enters so largely into the every-day life of the Order is relief.

We are taught that in many things the left hand should not know what the right hand does, but I fear that were the odour of publicity withdrawn many would feel that it was a sad day for them. Let us do what we can for humanity, but let us also do it in that manner which will most surely win for us the good opinion of the wise and worthy, not caring for the applause of the fickle crowd, but rather seeking to merit the approval of conscience.

And here let me bring to your thoughts our first Grand Master, who is not able to be with us to-night, much as he would love to see this consummation of his hopes. The first Grand Master of this jurisdiction, as well as the first Grand Treasurer of California, he occupies a unique position, and it is with profound sorrow that we learn of his long illness. For him we fear the journey of life is almost over, and he but waits for the summons to enter into rest. In these last hours the love and regard of his brethren have been to him as a sweet incense, the very smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed. But the long life will soon be ended, and the scenes which have known him so long will know him no more for ever. But, in this moment of sadness, we can say with the poet:

"How full of dread, how full of hope, looms th inev table death;
Of dread, for all have sinned; of hope, for One hath died to save;
The dread is lost in joy; the hope is filled with immortality."

May his declining days be full of the comfort and consolation which cometh from above, and when his call shall come may he go to that home on high, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

You have listened to the solemn service of dedication, and have heard the invocations which thus attend the opening of this hall to Masonry; but all of these ceremonials will have failed of their object if they do not influence you, one and all, to the better life.

Masonry points ever upward, and in all its ceremonies the one desire is to lift up humanity to its true position and highest honour. It is for this reason that we have begun the Masonic uses of this hall to-night, in the way which directs the hearts of all to the Creator, and I were untrue to my duty and untrue to myself did I fail to remind you that it is to make you better that you are summoned here. The little band who first organized this Lodge are almost all departed to that bourne whence no traveller returns, and the generations who are to follow us must examine our work and our life to see whether we have been true to the high trusts committed to us, even as to-night we have remembered the work of those who have preceded us, may be be counted worthy, in the years to come, of remem rrance for faithfulness. If this dedication marks new e solves to noblest and purest lives, then humanity is the gainer and the work is truly well done. When the crowning day shall come may all respond to the call of the Master who shall summon his faithful servants to receive the reward of service. May the memory of good accomplished cheer the soul when the lamp of life burns dimly toward its close, and when already the ear is beginning to catch the mystic whispers which come from the land beyond the river. For the faithful the sounds wafted will be those which shall cheer and comfort the heart, we are assured.

And now, my brethren, remember this begins anew your work. Press forward with renewed courage, and let the words of the poet inspire and encourage you—for

"Not on swords and spears
Is the reliance of the coming years;
Not by the cannon's mouth shall truth proclaim
Her mighty mission: not with blood and flame
Inscribe her lessons in the book of time;
Her strongest weapons shall be words sublime.
Her armies thoughts; her banners printed sheets;
Her captains' voices crying in the streets:
'The earth is good and bountiful and fair,
Her choicest blessings are the destined share
Of all her children, who in Christly love
Wisely combine to work—and look above.'"

Voice of Masonry.

After the installation of Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, at Brighton, on Tuesday last, a report of which appears in another page, a photograph was taken of the Royal visitors and many of the distinguished Grand Officers in a group by Messrs. Russell and Sons, of 199 Brompton-road, South Kensington, photographers to the Queen and Royal Family. We have not yet received a copy of the group, which doubtless many of the brethren will be glad to preserve as a memento of the event, but shall be glad to notice it at the earliest moment it reaches us from the eminent firm to whom the duty was entrusted.

Amongst the favourite resorts visited during the recent Royal installation at Brighton was the Albrmarle Hotel, which is pleasantly situated, facing the sea and Aquarium. This hotel is on the best part of the Marine Parade, within a few minutes of the Pier, Theatre, and Steine Enclosure, and also the railway station. The excellence of the appointments and tariff at this admirable establishment is only equalled by the courtesy and attention displayed by the proprietor, Mr. Alfred Collins, and his staff of assistants.

On the 10th inst., the ceremony of installing Bro. Wm. E. Scott, D.L., as Provincial Grand Master of Derry and Donegal, was performed by the M.W.G.M. of Ireland, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, in the Free asons' Hall, Derry. There was a large assemblage of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and many visiting brethren.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 26th June 1886:—

Tuesday—Society of Architects. Wednesday—Staff College.

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

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INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS PROV. GRAND MASTER OF SUSSEX.

BRIGHTON was all astir on Tuesday last, the day fixed for the installation of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught P.G.S.W. as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, in succession to the late Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., whose demise, in February last, was duly recorded in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. We have dealt elsewhere with the general features of the Royal visit, which, without partaking of a character usual to such events, when Royalty is invited to inaugurate or assist in the promotion of any public object, was essentially one of Masonic interest and importance. The arrangements of the day were most efficiently carried out by a Committee, including the Grand Officers of the Province, and the Officers of the twenty-five Lodges of which Sussex is composed, and the "heat and burthen of the day" fell upon the shoulders of a sub-committee, consisting of Bros. J. Henderson Scott Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Gerard Ford, J. M. Kidd, C. J. Smith, V. P. Freeman (Provincial Grand Secretary), and B. Burfield (Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary). These brethren worked with a will, and the manner in which all details were carried out reflected the highest credit upon all concerned. The M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught the Prov. G. Master-elect, and Prince Albert Victor, travelled down to Brighton early in the forenoon, the special train being preceded by another containing a large contingent of London Masons, the company including many of the most prominent and distinguished members of Grand Lodge in England and the Colonies. For a full hour before the appearance of the Royal train at the Brighton terminus, the crowd of people inside the station pressed upon the barriers which kept the down platform clear. Under the direction of Mr. Perry, chief inspector of the permanent way and works, whose experience of decorating stations on the Brighton line has been well maintained by occasions of Royal visits, the enlarged and improved terminus was bright and gay as flowers, flags, and red carpeting could make it. The weather could scarcely be called "Royal" in the strict sense of the term, for the atmospheric conditions attendant upon His Royal Highness's inauguration of the Tower Bridge on the preceding day had somewhat changed, and even in "sunny" Brighton old Sol was not disposed to manifest his wonted fervency. Still there is a certain light in colour, and the display of bunting, though not lavish, was sufficient to imbue the same with gaiety and animation, while the loyal demonstrations, everywhere abundant, must have conveyed to the Royal and Craft visitors that the welcome extended to them by Brighton was genuine and hearty in the extreme. It was evident that the Masonic body in the Province had been warmed into enthusiastic interest in the auspicious event; and the Grand Officers of the Province were ably seconded by their assistants, by the Grand Stewards, and by other brethren who on such important occasions are usually told off to discharge their respective and essential duties. The special train arrived punctually at half-past eleven o'clock, the carriages being appropriately attached to an engine named the "Connaught." On either side of the locomotive, and immediately above the name, were the Prince of Wales's Feathers. The Royal driver and stoker were indicated by the gold lace about their caps and the flowers in their coats. The train was in charge of Mr. Richardson, the Traffic Superintendent. The decorations at the station, to the platform of which a large number of privileged spectators were admitted, were most récherché and appropriate. The splendid circular group of flowering and fine-foliage plants, with a graceful, broad-leaved musa springing up fountain-like from their midst, seemed to catch all the radiance overhead, and to concentrate its best effects, in emerald green, varied shades of red, and golden yellow. This floral arrangement, which filled a large bed of greenery in the midst of the smooth, well-swept expanse of crimson cloth, was the principal object opposite the saloon carriage, from which the Prince alighted when the train drew up at the station. Nor was the central display by any means the sole adornment of the platform, which blossomed with tastefully disposed clusters and hanging baskets. As soon as the Royal visitors alighted from their saloon carriage a hearty cheer was given by the spectators, and the Band of the 1st Sussex Volunteer Artillery struck up the National Anthem. Their Royal Highnesses were received upon the platform by a deputation from the local Lodges of Freemasons, by Brother W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., who had come down by the train, by the Mayor of Brighton (Alderman E. J. Reeves), in his robes of office, the Town Clerk, and several Aldermen. An address of welcome was then presented to the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness replying in suitable terms. After this display of loyalty and introduction, a procession was formed, and cheers were raised as the Royal visitors entered their carriage. After the Royal barouche came more carriages, containing military and naval officers in uniform, and the Officers of Grand Lodge who had come down with the Royal party. The decorations along the route were somewhat sparse, and the Brighton population kept up its repute for stolid, undemonstrative bearing, the cheers being partial, and nowhere enthusiastic. Not that there was any coldness in the reception of the Royal party; it is Brighton's way to take these things quietly,—that is all. A drive as far as Hove—taken at a considerately slow pace, so that the public had a fair opportunity of seeing Royalty, while at the same time Royalty was enabled to judge of the improvements which are being effected in Brighton—occupied a brief half-hour in going and returning, the Pavilion being reached punctually at noon. In the vicinity a large number of people awaited the approach of the procession, having begun to gather as early as eleven o'clock. Admission to the Pavilion Grounds was confined to ticket holders only, who were allowed to promenade the western lawn, the majority being ladies. The principal Officers connected with the Craft tassembled in the Pavilion rooms at half-past eleven, and, wearing he regalia of their office, marched in procession to the Dome, the band of the 1st Sussex Artillery Volunteers playing as they filed past. Here the installation was held, the spacious interior being elegantly decorated. Chairs for the Grand Officers were arranged on the dais, the area in front being reserved for the Past and Provincial Grand Officers. Behind these were the Master Masons. The balcony was reserved for Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, and from it were suspended the handsome banners of the several Lodges in the Province. At twenty-five minutes to one the M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales entered the Dome, accompanied by the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. The Grand Master was saluted in the accustomed form by a fanfare of trumpets. He took his seat in front of the organ, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, the Lord Chancellor and the Provincial Junior Warden Bro. Lord Charles Beresford occupying their respective chairs on the ground floor. Prayer was offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, and the M.W. Grand Master was saluted in ancient form. He was then presented with the following address:—

To His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. Most Worshipful Master of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England,—

May it please your Royal Highness, we, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren of the Province of Sussex, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness our hearty Masonic welcome on your first visit to this Province since your assumption of the high office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. We desire to express to your Royal Highness our respectful thanks for the distinguished honour you have been pleased to confer upon the Province by the appointment of your illustrious brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, &c., Past Grand Warden, to rule over us as the Provincial Grand Master, in the room of our highly esteemed and lamented Brother Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, who so ably presided over us for a lengthened period with the happiest results to the Craft. Specially do we appreciate the fortunate circumstance that your Royal Highness is able to be present with us to-day, and to confer additional lustre upon this occasion by so graciously undertaking to perform the impressive ceremony of installation. In conclusion, we fervently trust that under the Great Architect of the Universe your Royal Highness may be spared for many years to rule over the Masonic Brotherhood, to whose welfare your beneficent sway has already so largely contributed.

Dated at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Sussex, this 22nd day of June A.D. 1886.

JOHN H. SCOTT P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
GERARD FORD, Provincial Grand Registrar.
V. P. FREEMAN, Provincial Grand Secretary.

The routine business usual on these occasions having been concluded, and Bro. Spark's well known anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," having been admirably sung by Bros. J. A. Brown, Montem Smith, Sidney Tower, and Chaplin Henry, the M.W. Grand Master said:—The Province of Sussex have recently experienced a severe loss in the death of Brother Sir Walter Burrell, who had ruled over it for nearly ten years with great energy and ability. They all deplored his loss, and after due consideration he (His Royal Highness) had thought it advisable to fill the vacancy by the appointment of his brother, the Duke of Connaught, who in his titles bore the name of the old county of Sussex. He knew him to be a zealous Mason, and fully believed that he would not fail to do his duty, but would endeavour to promote the success of the Province. He expressed the great pleasure it gave him personally to come amongst them for the purpose of installing his brother as the future Provincial Grand Master. The arrival of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master designate, Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.S.W., was then announced, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Brother E. W. J. Hennah, presented the patent, when a deputation of seven Past Masters — Brothers Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Sir Raymond Burrell, Bart., Lieutenant-General Randolph, Major Sergeson, Major D'Albrace, W. Dawes, and H. Hallett conducted the Duke to a place before the Pedestal, opposite to his brother the Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Freeman) having read the patent, the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered prayer, when the Grand Master addressed H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master-Designate, and inquired if he could conscientiously undertake the duties of the office. Assent having been formally given, the ceremony of installation was gone through, the Dean of Battle offering up the Prayer. The Provincial Grand Master was then proclaimed. Bro. John Henderson Scott P.G.D., though in enfeebled health, was conducted between two Deacons to the front of the pedestal and invested, and addressed by H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master on the duties of his Office as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The other Provincial Grand Officers, appointed at the last meeting, in October, were then formally re-invested, as follows:—

Bro. W. Dawes P.M. 341	Senior Warden
Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart., W.M. 1726	Junior Warden
Rev. E. R. Currie W.M. 1184 ... }	Chaplains
Rev. W. A. Tooth, W.M. 1821 ... }	
R. Crosskey P.M. 1303	Treasurer
Gerard Ford P.M. 271	Registrar
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F. Daniel P.M. 732	Junior Deacon
J. Harrison P.M. 1829	Superintendent of Works
E. W. J. Hennah P.M. 40... ...	Director of Ceremonies
A. T. Long P.M. 1720	Assistant Director of Cer.
Oliver Lloyd P.M. 38	Sword Bearer
W. Lanham Thomas P.M. 1141 ... }	Standard Bearers
J. T. Musson P.M. 1797 ... ... }	
W. Ardley S.W. 811	Organist
B. Burfield P.M. 1821	Assistant Secretary

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R. H. Ellman P.M. 1803 ...	...	Assistant Pursuivant
Reginald Blaker P.M. 311	...	Stewards
G. R. Lockyer P.M. 315 ...	...	
H. Kemball-Cook P.M 811	...	
C. H. Haine W.M. 1110 ...	...	
J. Stedman P.M. 1303 ...	...	
E. Broadbridge P.M. 1536 & 1797		
T. Hughes	...	Tyler

An anthem, composed by Bro. Shield, having been sung by the four brethren whose names we have already given, and Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tooth, Provincial Grand Chaplain, having offered up a suitable prayer, his Royal Highness closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a termination, Bro. A. King, Mus.B., A.P.P.G. Organist, playing in admirable style several voluntaries while the Brethren were leaving the Dome. An adjournment was then made to the Corn Exchange, close to the Dome, where upwards of 800 brethren sat down to a sumptuous luncheon, provided by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton. The salon was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, trophies, and floral embellishments. The Duke of Connaught presided, supported by the Grand Master (the Prince of Wales), Prince Albert Victor, and the principal Grand Lodge Officers. After the luncheon, the Chairman called upon the assembly to drink to the time-honoured toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured, Miss Bertha Moore singing the solo of the National Anthem. H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master then proposed "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master," and said he was sure the toast would meet with a hearty response from so large an assembly of the Craft. Ever since that memorable day at the Albert Hall, when the Most Worshipful Grand Master was installed into his high office, he had never lost an opportunity of showing the deep interest he had taken in the Craft. From that moment he had acted in a manner befitting the ancient Order, and all would agree with him that he had rendered eminent service to the Institution. The Craft had steadily increased under his guidance, and he called upon them one and all to be upstanding, and drink the toast with three times three. The toast was drunk amidst the greatest enthusiasm and cheering. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, on rising to respond, was received with loud and prolonged cheers, accompanied with the waving of handkerchiefs and other manifestations of enthusiasm. He said he was not likely to forget the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. From the time when the Craft conferred upon him the honour of selecting him as their Most Worshipful Grand Master, he had not met with a more cordial or kind reception. He took a great interest in all that pertained to Freemasonry, and regretted that the many calls upon his time did not permit him to do more for the Order. In thought and heart he was with them, and always ready to come forward and assist their noble institution, an institution possessing as its chief characteristics religion and charity. So long as these principles were borne in mind the Order was bound to flourish throughout the realms of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The Order had made great and rapid strides. The Grand Lodge was founded in 1717, when it numbered about 650 Lodges. In 1875—the year of his installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master—the number had increased to 1520, while at the present time the last warrant issued bore the number of 2155, being a gain, since his high office was conferred upon him—of 635 Lodges. Royal Arch Freemasonry had also progressed, and about 8000 brethren were annually enrolled—a further proof of allegiance to the principles of the Grand Lodge of England. Before sitting down he had a toast to propose—namely, that of the health of the Junior Provincial Grand Master of England. He need hardly tell them the pleasure he derived from installing his brother and visiting their beautiful town. He felt sure that his brother would carry out the duties he was called upon to perform to the best of his ability. His military career would possibly take him thousands of miles away, but on his return he would be as happy to meet them as on the present occasion. He had experienced especial gratification in installing their Provincial Grand Master, and entrusting to his care one of the oldest Provincial Lodges in the country—a P.G. Lodge which dated from 1774. It possessed twenty-five Lodges, of which seven were in Brighton, the oldest being the Union Lodge, No. 88. Again thanking them for their very cordial welcome, he called upon them to drink with three times three the health of their Prov. G.M. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm. The Provincial Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, on rising, said he was sensible of their great kindness in receiving the toast so heartily, which had been proposed in such kind and flattering terms. He was also sensible of the high honour bestowed upon him; he was aware that he had many arduous duties to perform. In taking the office of Provincial Grand Master he was succeeding one who had been respected and beloved, the late Sir Walter Burrell, who had always shown the greatest interest in the Province. He felt most grateful to the large assembly for their kind attention, and hoped to carry out worthily the necessary and important duties of his high office. If his military duties called him away his interest in them would not be lessened. In heart and feelings he would be with them, and from the bottom of his heart he thanked them for their reception of him as their Provincial Grand Master. His Royal Highness next proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Henderson Scott P.G.D., and said he did so with the greatest cordiality, knowing that he had laboured most assiduously in the cause of Freemasonry. In the Sussex Province he had held the post of Provincial Grand Secretary, and for many years that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. To three generations the name of Scott had been familiarly associated with Freemasonry in Sussex, and in Brother John Henderson Scott they had a thorough Freemason at heart. It was, therefore, with the greatest satisfaction that he appointed him his Deputy. Before sitting down he desired to express to him his appreciation of the admirable arrangements for the ceremony of the day. They had been satisfactory in every respect. Brother Scott, who was warmly received on rising, thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which it had been received. He deeply felt the honour conferred upon him, and trusted, with restored health, to prove equal to the duties which would devolve upon him. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, proposed by Bro. H. Hallett P.S.G.W., and the Provincial Grand Officers. Their Royal Highnesses left Brighton at half past four, having been conducted through the Dome and the Pavilion proper. Before leaving the Prince of Wales took the opportunity of thanking Miss Bertha Moore for her musical contributions (one of which was "God Bless the Prince of Wales"); the entertainers in the luncheon-hall, and also to Bro. Sayers for the admirable manner in which the luncheon had been served. All being ready, they re-entered the carriages in which they had arrived, and, once more joining the company of the Mayor and other Corporate representatives, they were driven, by way of North-street and Queen's-road, to the railway station. There was a string of occupied carriages along the Queen's-road, while the windows and balconies of the houses were crowded by persons anxious to obtain a glimpse of the Royal party. At the terminus a number of people were admitted to the platform, where the special train was drawn up in readiness. The guard of honour was formed by about sixty men of the Brighton Brigade of Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, under the command of Lieutenant Fry. As soon as the Royal visitors arrived at the station the band of the Naval Artillery played a portion of the National Anthem. The remaining formalities were of a brief description. The railway carriages were entered, Mr. Richardson (the Traffic Superintendent) resumed control of the train, and within a few minutes it steamed out of the station amid the cheering of those present. Over two thousand guests attended the garden party which was held in the evening at the Royal Pavilion. The concert in the Music Room commenced at seven o'clock, the vocalists being Miss Bertha Moore, Miss Kate Norman, Miss Annie Tate, and Mr. Chaplin Henry's quartette party. Miss Evelyn Gates took the violin, and Miss Lottie Millar and Miss Ethel Savery the pianoforte. The conductors were Bros. Ardley P.G.O., W. N. Ros P.P.G.O., King P.P.G.O., and Roworth. The room was crowded during the whole of the evening. Dancing was commenced in the Music room long before daylight had departed, and was continued with zest throughout the evening, the music being provided by Bro. H. S. Gates' band. Refreshments were served in the two Drawing rooms and in the King's apartments, the salon being used as a retiring room. The arrangements, which were absolutely perfect, were carried out by a Committee of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province of Sussex, consisting of Bros. W. H. Barratt 38, F. H. Hallett 40, E. Collings 56, H. Longton 271, J. H. Every 311, R. Reeve 314, W. Anderson 315, C. Nye 732, W. Ardley 811, C. Paine 851, G. R. Green 916, C. H. Haine 1110, L. B. Henderson 1141, H. Kimm 1184, T. P. S. Lee 130, C. B. Warre 1465, H. E. Price 1466, A. M. Bitchley 1619, H. S. Gates 1636, T. Dalton 1723, W. Pratt 1797, Rev. W. A. Tooth 1821, H. Cheal 1829, J. J. Allinson 1842, and C. J. Smith 1947. Brother V. P. Freeman Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. B. Burfield also took an active part in the work connected with the party, and the latter was most energetic in his efforts to secure the comfort of the guests. Bros. G. S. Godfree and Kemball Cook also worked very hard during the evening, and it may safely be said that the combined efforts of the brethren were productive of one of the most successful gatherings ever held at the Royal Pavilion.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 2108.

THIS Lodge entertained their Colonial brethren at the Criterion, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., when, after the formal proceeding in the Lodge had terminated, about 100 members and guests sat down to dinner, including, in addition to the members of the Lodge, the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, General Brownrigg, Sir J. Monckton, Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P. de Cama, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, W. Wood, A. S. Watts, C. J. Parkinson, C. W. G. Hutton, and representatives from nearly every Colonial possession of the British Empire. In proposing the Queen and the Craft the W.M. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, C.B., expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of his fellow-citizens from every part of the Empire presided over by their Empress Queen. In proposing the toast of the Grand Master he said they all knew how much interest His Royal Highness took in the assembling together of so many representatives of every part of the Empire, and how much gratified he would have been had his engagements permitted him to be present. The toast of the Grand Officers having been duly honoured, the Wor. Master proposed the Visitors. He bade them a hearty welcome, and hoped they would carry back with them when they left the "old country" the remembrance of the hearty good feeling with which they were always ready to receive them. The Empire Lodge was founded with the express purpose of welcoming brethren from all parts of the Empire, and he was glad to see so many of them there that evening. There were, he believed, about ten thousand colonists at present in London, and he wished they could have them all there together that night. In coupling with this toast the names of several Colonial brethren and of Bro. T. Tilton P.D.G.M. 7th District, New York City, he said he could not look on any American as a stranger, but would speak of him as their American Cousin. Among those who acknowledged the toast were Bro. the Hon. Sir W. J. Clarke District G.M. Victoria; Bro. A. M. Saunders District G.M. Madras; the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe; Bro. A. M. Broadley P. Dep Dist. G.M. Malta; and Bro. Theodore Tilton, New York, the latter of whom spoke of the interest they in New York took in every thing done in England, and of the progress which Masonry had made in the United States. The other toasts were the Worshipful Master and the Officers, the latter toast being acknowledged by Bro. C. W. Eves and Bro. Dr. Lennox Brown, Secretary.

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ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 3rd July, at 2.30 p.m. for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

The ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER will hold a Meeting for the reception of Candidates at 2.45. All names must be forwarded before the 30th June to Bro. Frank Richardson Prov. G. Sec., 28 Golden Square, W.; or to Bro. C. F. Matier Prov. G.M. Sec., Royal Bruce Chapter, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

The Annual Banquet will be held at The Trafalgar, Greenwich, at 6.30 precisely.

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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 Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, High Holborn, on Monday, the 28th June 1886, 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.

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Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary on or before the 24th June.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Monday, the 7th day of July 1886, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD jun. P.P.G. Reg.
Acting Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E., 9th June 1886.

P.S.—The Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon.

A dinner will take place at 5 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to W. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, Lloyds, E.C., W.M. No. 2096, 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 6th July next.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Croydon, 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.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENRY LEVANDER CHAPTER, No. 2048.

ON Saturday last there was a numerous and distinguished gathering of Royal Arch Masons at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, when the annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held, under the presidency of Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M.E. Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, who was assisted by Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp Provincial Grand H. as H., W. Taylor P.P.G.J. as J., J. F. H. Woodward Prov. Grand S.E., and H. Lovegrove P.Z. as D.C. Amongst those present were :—

Comps. Dr. J. Beresford Ryley Prov. G.J., T. Walls Prov. G.P.S., C. H. Webb Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. H. Lee Prov. G. Std. Bearer, D. W. Pearce P.P.G.R., W. A. Dawson, P.P.G.N., D. P. Cama G. Treas., H. G. Buss P.P.G. Treas., R. M. Forge P.P.G.P.S., C. L. Smiles P.P.G. Reg., T. W. Ockenden S.E. 1326, R. C. Sudlow Z. 1194, J. S. Fraser Z. 1549 P.G.A.S. Essex, A. O. Fidler S.N. elect 1237, Bently Haynes J. 1549, J. T. Briggs P.Z. 1326, C. E. Keyser M.E.Z. elect 1549, H. Higgins P.Z. 1423, W. A. Rogers Treas. 1549, Rev. S. T. H. Saunders H. 1503, H. Sapsworth 946, G. L. Wingate 1453, H. Maunder Williams J. 1326, A. Marvin A.S. 382, R. Goodwin 382, W. H. Dean P.P.G. Reg, Dorset, J. C. Smith J. elect 1507, H. Sadler P.Z. 169 G. Janitor, E. Y. Jolliffe J. 1194, J. Large 771, F. W. Levander P.Z. 142, E. J. Bell 1524, John Jones 1602, H. E. Dehane 890, W. W. Morgan, Capt. A. Nicols P.Z., H. W. Field 1507, J. Irvine 862, J. Read P.Z. 720, A. Woodward 1381, T. C. Edmonds 1507, W. W. Lee 1524, and many others.

The Chapter having been duly opened, the M.E. Grand Superintendent addressed the Companions on the nature of the meeting, and said they were assembled for the purpose of consecrating a new Chapter, the Henry Levander, No. 2048, the founders of which were Companions W. M. Stiles P.Z. M.E.Z. designate, W. A. Scurrah J. elect 749 H. designate, J. Willing jun. P.Z. J. designate, J. L. Mather P.Z., C. J. Axford, G. Gregory P.Z., T. C. Edmonds, C. J. Knightley, and F. Davison P.Z. They all greeted the new Chapter with a most hearty welcome, as those who had been instrumental in its formation were excellent and zealous Companions, and it was on this account that their petition had been granted. He concluded by wishing the Chapter a long and successful career. The petition and charter having been read by the Prov. G.S.E., and the Officers named in the latter being unanimously approved, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the working being carried out in masterly manner. Comps. W. M. Stiles P.Z., and Jas. Willing jun. P.Z., were inducted into the chairs of Z. and J. respectively. Comp. W. A. Scurrah was installed into the third chair by Comp. Taylor, and afterwards into the second chair by Comp. Thrupp. Comp. H. Dickey was elected and invested as S.E.; Comp G. Gregory as P.S.; and Whiting Janitor. Comp. Axford was elected S.N.; but being unavoidably absent his investment was postponed; on the motion of Comp. Sadler seconded by Comp. Scurrah, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Consecrating Officers, and they were elected honorary members of the Chapter. In acknowledging the compliment, Col. Sir Francis Burdett Grand Superintendent said it had afforded him and the Grand Officers sincere pleasure to have been present on this occasion, when a new Chapter had been started under the auspices of such eminent Companions. He looked to the time when the Henry Levander Chapter would occupy a foremost position amongst the Chapters of the Province, and would prove an example to other Lodges that had not already Chapters in connection with them. Several propositions for exaltation and joining were then handed in, and the founders were appointed a committee to frame the bye-laws. Letters of apology were read from Comps. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand S.E., F. Philbrick, Q.C., Sir A. Woods, J. Terry, and others. Chapter was adjourned. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then duly opened, the Grand Superintendent, Companion Col. Francis Burdett, Bart., being supported by Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, and Dr. J. Beresford Ryley 3rd Provincial Grand Principal. After calling over the roll of the Chapters in the Province, all of which were responded to, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed a balance in hand of £33 8s 9d, was received and adopted. In felicitous terms the Provincial Grand Superintendent re-appointed Companion Thrupp as 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, and Comp. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders was appointed and invested as 3rd Provincial Grand Principal. Companion H. Lovegrove was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the following Officers were appointed and invested by the Provincial Grand Superintendent :—

Comp. J. F. H. Woodward (re-appointed)	...	S.E.
R. Clay Sudlow Z. 1194	...	S.N.
J. T. Briggs P.Z. 1326	...	P.S.
J. H. Hawkins Z. 1777	...	A.S.
J. S. Fraser Z. 1449 ...	...	A.S.
H. Lovegrove P.Z. ...	...	Treasurer
P. C. F. Tatham Z. 778	...	Registrar
C. H. Webb P.Z. 1549	...	Sword Bearer
J. Garrod Z. 1237 ...	...	Standard Bearer
T. W. Ockenden S.E. 1326	...	D.C.
W. H. Lee P.P.G. Standard Bearer	...	A.S.E.
J. Gilbert	...	Janitor

It was then resolved that each Chapter should contribute one shilling per annum to the funds of the Province for each member of the Chapter. An Audit Committee having been appointed for the ensuing year, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in form, and adjourned. An excellent banquet was provided, at which the Grand Superintendent presided, but he being obliged to leave early the toasts were proposed under the presidency of Comp. Raymond Thrupp. After the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry, the First Grand Principal H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Principal the Earl of Carnarvon, the Second and Third Grand Principals and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past were given, suitable responses being made by Comp. Cama Grand Treasurer, and Comp. Buss P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex. Reference was then made to the admirable manner in which the M.E. Grand Superintendent had performed the ceremonies of the day, and the hope was expressed that Comp. Sir F. Burdett might be spared for many years to preside over the Province as he had done in the past. Comp. Stiles, in giving the Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, expressed the pleasure felt by the Companions to see Sir Francis Burdett sufficiently restored to health to be able to be present to consecrate the Chapter. He had a valuable coadjutor in their esteemed Comp. Thrupp, to whom they were indebted for the excellent manner in which he had installed them into their chairs. They were all deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon them by his presence that evening, and he had been supported most ably by Comp. Saunders, the Third Provincial Grand Principal, Comp. Taylor P.P.G.J., and many other distinguished Provincial Grand Officers. Companion Thrupp in reply said it was always a pleasure to him to visit in the Province, for he was there sure of a hearty welcome. He asked them to drink success and prosperity to the new Chapter. He trusted that they would emulate the late Companion Henry Levander, and try to walk in his steps. If they did that, [illegible] of Sir Francis, and would [illegible] Chapter in credit to the Province. Comp. [illegible] responded; it was the earnest wish of his colleagues and himself that their Chapter should be a success. They were anxious to carry out their duties in a satisfactory manner, and if the Grand Officers or any other Companions attended in the future, he hoped they would be able to show them by their working that they revered the name of the Companion who had gone before. Their Chapter was founded by a Lodge that had made rapid strides in the Province, and he was sure he would be supported in a manner worthy of that Lodge. The Second and Third Principals of the Henry Levander Chapter was next given by Comp. Stiles, who said that in proposing this toast he was but giving honour to whom honour was due. Those two Companions had worked very hard to start this Chapter. Companion Scurrah, who is Worshipful Master of the Lodge bearing the same name, had rendered valuable service, and Comp. Willing

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was, as they were all aware, a most earnest worker. Comp. Scurrah thanked them most heartily for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He admitted he had taken considerable trouble in the foundation of the Chapter. Being Worshipful Master of the Henry Levander Lodge, and taking into consideration the fact that there was no Chapter in existence in the neighbourhood, he thought it his duty to do his best to support the formation of this Chapter. He would take the deepest interest in it, and he hoped to continue for some time to be as energetic in Freemasonry as he had been in the past. Comp. Willing also responded, and the toast of the Visitors was suitably acknowledged by Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Levander, Dean, and Webb. Other toasts followed, including the Scribes E. and N., and the other Officers, and the official list was closed in fitting manner by the Janitor. An excellent selection of music was given under the direction of Comp. John Read P.Z., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 1603.

THE consecration of this Chapter took place on Saturday, 19th instant, at Tofts, Cleckheaton. Although the warrant was granted some months ago, unavoidable delay has taken place. The Chapter was opened by M.E. Comp. C. Letch Mason P.Z. 304 P.P.G.H., the consecrating Principal acting for and on behalf of M.E. Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., Prov. G. Supt., assisted by E. Comp. John Booth P.Z. 258 P.P.G.J. as H., and E. Comp. the Rev. T. C. Smyth P.Z. Z. 1042 Prov. G.J. as J. There were also present E. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. 302 Prov. G.S.E., Herbert J. E. Green Z. 1019 Assist. Prov. G.S.E., J. Heaton Cadman P.Z. 154 Prov. G. Reg., Robert Craig P.Z. 304 P.P.G.A.S., Jas. Bedford P.Z. 304 P.P.G.S.N., W. B. Alderson P.Z. 495 P.P.G.R., J. W. Fourness P.Z. 289 Prov. G. Treasurer, Isaac Oates P.Z. 258 P.P.G. Treas., Thos. Pickles P.Z. 258 P.P.G.J., John W. Turner P.Z. 290 Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Arthur A. Stott P.Z. 258 Prov. G. Standard Bearer, W. F. Smithson P.Z. 289 P.P.G.D.C., John Barker P.Z. 258 P.P.G.D.C., Wm. Watson P.Z. 304 Prov. G. Steward, James Kaye P.Z. 275 Prov. G. Steward, Joshua Lee P.Z. 290 Prov. G. Janitor, Wm. Thomas Flather 139, S. H. Stocks P.Z. 258, J. R. Sampson 258, Joseph C. Wharton P.Z. 258, Thos. Dodds 289, Rawson Kelley 258, Robert Abbott 304, Thomas Thorpe 304, W. M. Tyers 304, Samuel Barrand 304, E. Lord P.Z. 495, William Allatt P.Z. and Tudor Trevor P.Z. 71 S.C. Chapter being duly opened, and the Petition and Charter of Constitution having been read by the Prov. G. Registrar Comp. Heaton Cadman P.Z., the Prov. Grand J. the Rev. T. Smyth, D.D., delivered the following address:—

It has ever been the rule among Freemasons, from the earliest period to the present time, to inaugurate and dedicate, with solemn ceremonies, our mystic rites; and consequently we, after the manner of our ancient brethren, have met to-day to lay the foundation of a moral edifice, based on the principles of our Holy Order—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Having been called on by the Consecrating Officer to deliver an address, as part of the ceremony, I have thought it well not to enter into any elaborate description regarding the antiquity and probable origin of Royal Arch Masonry (upon which so many learned conjectures have been brought forward by Oliver and others), but rather to select a single character—that of Nehemiah—as a pattern to our Order, which commemorates his name, connected with the high and holy work to which he devoted his substance and energies. We read in the Volume of the Sacred Law that the pious restoration of the walls of Jerusalem under his zealous superintendence soon roused the hostility and fierce opposition of the neighbouring tribes. Old enmities were awakened, new jealousies stimulated; and everything done to prevent and retard the progress of the work. The subtle opponents of Judah's prosperity plotted, intrigued and threatened by turns, nay, even concocted a treacherous plan to seize Nehemiah, in order to kill, or keep him a prisoner. "Now it came to pass," are his own words, "when Sanballat and Tobiah, and Geshen the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein . . . . that Sanballat and Geshen sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief." Too wise and wary did he prove, however, to be duped by their artifice. "I sent messengers unto them," he proceeds to state. "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease whilst I leave it and come down to you?" Earnest and zealous in the sacred object which the providence of the True and Ever-living God Most High had committed to his care, he set about it and steadily adhered to it, with all his might and soul and strength. Duty, in a word, to him was everything: and no device of God's or Judah's cunning enemies could frighten, or win, or turn him from it. Well, then, Companions, may his name be commemorated in our most impressive and beautiful ceremonies; and would that all of us were more imbued with his self-denying and earnest spirit. First, I would point to his stedfast maintenance, by example and precept, of "that virtue, which may justly be viewed as the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, the grace of Charity." "There were at my table," he declares in the fifth chapter of the book which bears his name, "an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those that came unto us from among the brethren that are about us. Yet required I not the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon the people," and again in the reading of the law, "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." Let us further notice Nehemiah as adding to the practice of benevolence, the fulfilment of that Masonic duty, so beautifully urged in the earliest rites of our ancient Fraternity; not only did he render to his needy neighbour "those kind offices which justice and mercy required at his hands by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions and by doing to him as in similar circumstances he would wish that others should do to himself," but combined with these graces "such a prudent and well regulated course of conduct as best contributed to the development of his mental and corporeal faculties in their fullest energy, thereby enabling him to employ those talents with which God had blessed him, to His Glory and to the welfare of his fellow creatures." Instead of bewailing, with folded hands, the long captivity of his exalted nation and the ruin of that holy and beautiful house, where his fathers had worshipped, he set himself earnestly and with self surrender to do the will of the God Most High, in repairing the desolate places of Zion, and displaying the lustre of a holy life to his humbler countrymen. Surely in this, I well may say, that he reads an enduring lesson to us. He shews, in these our own days of turbulent controversy, that whatever may be right, or whatever wrong, we cannot be wrong in doing justice, in loving mercy, in walking humbly with God Most High, in denying our wills, in building up others as well as ourselves in the noble principles of our ancient Fraternity, and in practising that obedience to self-surrender by which alone we gain a knowledge of that which cannot be seen nor felt. Companions, the subject of Jerusalem's restoration, and our own connection with the grand Brotherhood of which we to-day appear as members, may well remind us of the solemn duty incumbent on each of us to repair the temple within ourselves. Let us seek, with all diligence, as well as sincerity, to beautify this sanctuary; let us ever be careful that it may not be neglected or stripped of its ornaments, lest Jehovah in grief of our delays and long perversity, withdraw at length from its desecrated ruins. Let us earnestly labour to drive away old enmities and frailties, old habits of indulgence and self-degradation, old cherished sins, presumptuous and secret. Old things, however, there are which our Order, and the bright example of good Nehemiah, bid us emphatically not to part with; things of necessity, which must be retained if we wish to preserve the Temple within us in all its integrity. Old warm friendships are still to be preserved; old habits of truth, of kindly affections, of faith and love and fervent prayer; these should be carefully watched and adhered to, as the props and buttresses of the spiritual building. For "who shall ascend unto the Hill of the Lord, or who shall rise up in his holy place? Even he who has clean hands and a pure heart, and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." And now, Companions, let me add a few words regarding that which forms the peculiarity of the work that Nehemiah undertook to execute, and the memory of which has been perpetuated in the ritual of our Order. The *work* of life is the *battle* of life, and the true and honest worker is a soldier. For we are not called to run its course over a clear and open field, but over one that is barred by obstructions, and infested by enemies. And thus, as those did who wrought at building the walls of Jerusalem and the second Temple, "from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared," so must we, if we would truly labour well and finish the task which is given us to do, with one hand toil in the work, and hold with the other a weapon. Life is all work, inasmuch as we have something to do to fulfil its ends and secure its reward; something in itself that is not pleasurable, nor immediately profitable, and this work is all warfare, for it has to be done in the face of opposition, inward and outward, with manly resolution and determined energy, in strenuous battle with ourselves and with all the powers of evil. With one hand we must toil in the work of our calling, wield with the other the weapons of warfare. Still, although our earthly existence must prove a scene to us more or less of fatigue and battle, let us be of good cheer, knowing that He whose sacred and mysterious name we guard with so much reverence will be ever with those who strive to honour Him in truth and sincerity. As this Chapter to-day will be dedicated to the service of our Holy Order, may the Gracious and Supreme Ruler of the Universe dedicate your souls to His blessed service both here and hereafter, and animate you to respond, in the words of our Grand Master David, "O sing unto God, sing praises unto His name; magnify Him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse." Praise Him in His name Jah, and rejoice before Him. Even the God who maketh Companions to be of one mind in the house of their Masonry. So mote it be with you and every future member of Chapter Zetland till the hour shall come, in His good time, when if faithful to the end you and they shall join in the jubilant strain—

"All hail to the morning that bids us rejoice,
The Temple's completed, exalt we each voice;
The copestone is finished, our labour is o'er,
The sound of the gavel shall greet us no more."

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, being rendered the more impressive by the services of the musical Companions, the Prov. G.J. Comp. the Rev. Dr. Smyth giving the concluding benediction. E. Comp. John Booth P.Z. 258 P.P.G.J. was then regularly placed in the chair of Z, the consecrating Principal stating the pleasure it gave him to instal such a veteran in Masonry as the first Z. of the Zetland Chapter, and trusted that under his kind and genial sway the Chapter would prosper. E. Comp. Samuel Holdsworth Stocks P.Z. 258 was then regularly placed in the chair of H., and Comp. William Thomas Flather was regularly installed into the chair of J. The following appointments were made: Comp. J. C. Wharton P.Z. as S.E., J. R. Sampson S.N., Thos. Pickles P.Z. as P.S. Several propositions were then made of brethren for exaltation, and a hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the Consecrating Principal E. Comp. C. Letch Mason P.Z. 304, to E. Comp. the Rev. J. C. Smyth, D.D., Prov. G.J., for his admirable address, and to the other Companions who had rendered kind services; the Chapter was closed.

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THE TRESTLE-BOARD OF MASONRY.

TO insure success in any undertaking, there must be first a well defined plan of action. To produce such a plan, it must be drawn out in detail, so that all its parts may be readily understood by those who have the work in charge. It is never best to leave anything to chance if we would not be disappointed in the result. First decide what is to be done, and then go to work in a systematic manner to accomplish it. The man who starts out to make a fortune by buying lottery tickets will be pretty sure to end his days in a poor house. He might as well attempt to sail around the world without chart, compass or rudder. He is at the mercy of the winds which blow from all quarters, drifting hither and thither without a knowledge of his course or the power to follow it.

We read with wonder and admiration the grandeur of King Solomon's Temple, or perhaps gaze upon the cathedrals of Strasbourg and Cologne, or some of the mighty monuments of architectural skill that furnish examples of how great things may be accomplished. Need any one be told that all the plans and designs for these edifices were first delineated upon the trestle-board of the master workman?

The trestle-board of the Architect is the starting point, and upon it he formulates in detail all that is required to carry out his grand designs. The Mason understands how the Grand Master Architect, at the building of the Temple, placed upon its trestle-board each day the designs necessary for the Craft to pursue their labours. So perfect were these plans that we are told that when the Temple was completed its several parts fitted with such exactness that it had more the appearance of the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe than of human hands.

The importance of the trestle-board to the Operative Mason needs no elucidation. It furnishes him all the information necessary to complete the task assigned him. In the transition from Operative to Speculative Masonry the trestle-board was very properly retained as one of the emblems to teach a Mason his duty. The Great Light of Masonry is given him as a Masonic trestle-board, and he is taught to erect his spiritual building agreeably to the designs there laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe. The Mason who does not build by these designs can never become a Master workman.

We want to ask every Lodge and every Masonic organisation: What designs have you on the trestle-board? You have a great work before you. Are your plans carefully drawn, so that it may proceed without interruption or confusion? Are they in harmony with the grand principles of Freemasonry? Do they illustrate fully the noble tenets of your profession? Are you building an edifice that, like the work of the Ancient Masters, is the wonder and admiration of the world?

The beginning of a new year is a proper time to consider these questions. You have made choice of those who are to preside over and conduct your affairs for the ensuing term. Now is the time to delineate upon your trestle-board what you intend to do, that each Craftsman may take of his part, and all go to the work in harmony. Make your designs worthy of the noble cause in which you are engaged and require all to work by them. By so doing your labours will produce results that will reflect credit upon your skill as Master Workman, and you will enjoy the great satisfaction that comes from a faithful performance of duty.—*Masonic Advocate.*

Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson's new story, "Kidnapped," will be published early in July by Messrs. Cassell and Company.

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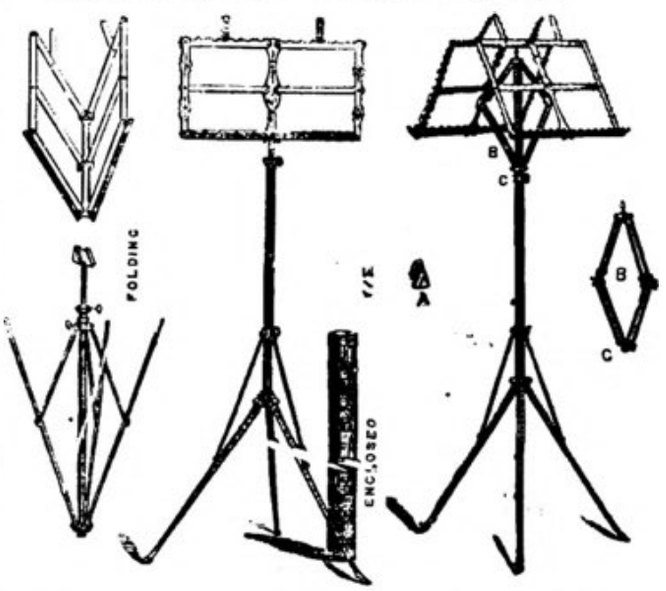

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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, 26th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
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. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 28th JUNE.

Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
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)
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 2·30
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1489—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 29th 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)
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)
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)
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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
510—Unions, Freemasons Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
663—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
673—Perseverance, Skenfrith Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 30th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lea Bridge-road, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 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, Poplar, Pageant's Court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1808—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Margaret-st., Cavendish-sq. at 8 (Inst)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Paddington, West Entrance, at 7.30 (In)
1862—Beresford, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Gainsborough, New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)

R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 254—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 1st JULY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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.)
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.
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)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (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
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hall, 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.
319—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
609—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bathing-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Allorde 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
1519—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1607—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1629—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinnian, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons Hall, Bridgwater, Somerset
R.A. 1010—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Beltive, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1305—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Mysstone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 2nd JULY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Stanhope Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
709—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
732—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
851—Raleigh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Corunna Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1135—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Arwyn 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)
1709—Chiltic, 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. 70—Fitzwarren, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich (Inst.)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
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, Tenterden.
242—St. George, Grimsball, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham

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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
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 3rd JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 165 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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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BOY'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am daily in receipt of evidence of the prejudicial effects, so far as our interests are concerned, of the present political crisis. Under these circumstances, though I fear an appeal, however urgent, will now be too late to be of service, I feel constrained to submit for the sympathetic consideration of our friends the peculiarly unfortunate exigencies of our position, in the hope that those who may have hesitated in giving us their support will be inclined to extend that help which we at this juncture so sorely need.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 24th June.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Craft ought to be grateful to you for your honest outspoken remarks in your last week's impression in relation to the flagrant act which has been committed in the Temple so solemnly dedicated to Truth and Justice. I hesitated to mention in my letter, which you quote, the name of the worthy and distinguished brother who, as you rightly say, has "reason to feel insulted and aggrieved." But his name having been now publicly announced, it behoves all those who "know the man" and what his great services to the Craft have been, to see that a righteous atonement be made for the sacrilegious act which inferentially attacks the "good name" he has ever sustained amongst his brother Masons. He has been for others, in many instances, a devoted champion for the maintenance of right, and deserves, and should have from us, the strongest possible support in defence of his Masonic character. Whether that be perfect or imperfect nothing he may have done can possibly justify the spoliation of the foundation-stone of an edifice "solemnly consecrated" to the glory of God, and the welfare of our fellow-creatures.

I shall be glad to take my share in any movement which may be promoted to wipe out this intolerable "scandal on the Craft," and enclose herewith my full name and address for reference if required.

I am, &c.

E. J. G., W.M.

22nd June 1886.

DESECRATION AND SACRILEGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Your leader on the above subject, which appeared in your issue of the 19th inst., has caused me no little surprise. I am not a member of the Masonic Craft, and therefore cannot express my opinion as to what such an offence deserves from a Masonic point of view, but that it could be perpetrated by a Mason at all seems so surprising to me that I am inclined to doubt whether, after all, your honourable Society is quite so sincere in its principles as it professes to be.

I always, until now, understood that one of your greatest aims was "Brotherly Love and Charity." Well! I fail to see any Charity or Brotherly Love in such an act as you speak of. For some time past I have been thinking of joining the Masonic Craft, as it has always seemed to me to be so much above other Societies in good and pure principles, but your leader has set me wondering whether you really do carry them out in the Craft after all.

In the "Odd Fellows," with which I *am* connected, the treatment a brother would receive for such an act of Vandalism would be so severe and so marked by his fellow brethren that he would be glad to make himself scarce for ever after.

Yours, &c.

A NON-MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with some interest the various letters that have appeared in your Journal about the alteration and defacement of the Memorial Stone of the Surrey Masonic Hall; wondering whose name had been erased and for what purpose such an act could have been done. I have never been in the Hall, as it is out of my district, and as it was built and opened just before my admission amongst Masons, I had no knowledge of who took part in its erection or opening. Judge then of my astonishment to read, in your leader of this week, the name of my esteemed Father in Masonry, Bro. James Stevens, the first W.M. of "The Great City" Lodge, whose last initiate of his year of office I was. I have since had the honour of filling the chair in that Lodge, the proud position held by Bro. Jas. Stevens at the foundation of the Surrey Masonic Hall, and have had the further honour of serving on the Board of General Purposes with Bros. Jas. Stevens, and although, like many others, I have had frequently to differ on some point of proceeding, I have always had, and continue to have, the highest respect for Bro. Jas. Stevens, as a thorough working Mason, whose zeal, by-the-way, often outstrips his discretion to the sacrifice of his own personal comfort and interest. Nevertheless, I believe all who know him, will give him full credit for a strong desire for the good of Freemasonry in general, and it is hard to believe that any substantial reason can be given for such an act as that of removing the name of one who, whatever else he may have done before or since, was certainly on the occasion of the opening of the Surrey Masonic Hall holding the honourable position of first W.M. of a prominent London Lodge, and was honoured by the association and favourable notice on that occasion of the presiding Officer, the highly esteemed Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis, then Col. Burdett, than whom no better Mason exists, and who is fully able to judge of the qualifications of those around him. I trust, for the credit of the Craft, it will be found that this insane and dastardly act was committed by other than Masonic hands.

With many apologies for the length of this letter.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

FREDERICK T. C. KEEBLE,

P.M. and Secretary 1426.

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